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UGRA Elects New Officers and Welcomes New Directors

Recently, the Board of Directors of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) unanimously elected new officers for terms to expire September 30, 2020.

Blake Smith was elected President, Diane McMahon was elected Vice-President, Aaron Bulkley was elected Secretary, and Bill Rector was elected Treasurer. Blake Smith and Diane McMahon previously served on officer's row.



UGRA Board of Directors. Front row pictured left to right: Diane McMahon, Blake Smith, Aaron Bulkley, and Bill Rector. Back row left to right: Austin Dickson, Lynda Ables, Mike Hughes, Maggie Snow, and Gene Allen.

President Smith is an owner and director of Camp La Junta. He is a member of the American Camping Association, former board member of Our Lady of the Hills High School, and past president and member of the Camping Association for Mutual Progress. Mr. Smith was formerly president and member of both Hunt ISD Board of Trustees and Kerrville Public Utility Board. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Trinity University. Mr. Smith was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2015.

Vice-President McMahon is currently retired. Previously she worked for United Space Alliance, NASA. Ms. McMahon received a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Biological Sciences from the University of Houston, Clear Lake. She is currently an active Master Naturalist and Master Gardener, and participant in the UGRA Volunteer Summer Study. Previously, Ms. McMahon served on the Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District Board for eight years and

on the City of Kerrville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Ms. McMahon was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2015.

Secretary Bulkley is owner and operator of Texas Hunt Lodge, Africa Hunt Lodge, and Wildlife Market Taxidermy Studio. He currently serves as a board member for Trophy Game Records of the World. Previously, he served as a board member for Rotary Club International, president of Texas Youth Hunt, and vice president of Safari Club International, Hill Country Chapter. Mr. Bulkley attended the University of Texas at Austin where he studied international business. He is married to Joanie Bulkley, and has two young girls, Viola and Bailey. Mr. Bulkley was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2016 and reappointed in 2019.

Treasurer Rector is a graduate of Tivy High School, Texas A&M University, and he received his MD from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston. He was a flight surgeon for the Air Force during the Vietnam War and after leaving the Air Force, spent his career as a radiologist. In 1980, he returned to Kerrville to practice at Sid Peterson Memorial Hospital. Dr. Rector has served on the board of the Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce, two terms as a KISD trustee and one term on Kerrville City Council. He served on the Main Street Advisory Board and is currently on the Symphony of the Hills Board. He is also the longest serving member of the Kerr County Historical Commission. Dr. Rector is a member of the radiology residency teaching staff at Wilford Hall Hospital at Lackland AFB where he works one to two weeks per month teaching and caring for our veterans and active duty personnel. Dr. Rector was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2016.

President Smith presided over his first meeting on November 20, 2019 and began by welcoming three new directors to the board. Lynda Ables and Gene Allen were appointed by Governor Abbot for a term set to expire on February 1, 2025 and Austin Dickson was appointed to replace retired Director Wayne Musgrove for a term set to expire on February 1, 2021. “We are excited to welcome Lynda, Austin, and Gene to the UGRA Board,” said President Smith. “Together, we’re looking forward to another great year looking after our river.”

Learn more about the UGRA Board of Directors at www.ugra.org/public-information/board-of-directors

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