

Minutes
March 27, 2019
UGRA Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Notice having been duly given, a Regular Meeting of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority Board of Directors was held at the Guadalupe Basin Natural Resources Center, 125 Lehmann Drive, Kerrville, Texas, at 3:00 pm on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. Ms. Thompson called roll. Bob Waller, President; Blake Smith (left at 4:05 pm), Vice-President; Diane McMahon, Secretary; Wayne Musgrove, Treasurer; Mike Allen; Aaron Bulkley; Mike Hughes; Bill Rector (left at 5:20 pm); and Maggie Snow were present and constituted a quorum. Also present were: Raymond Buck, Jr., General Manager; Tammy Thompson, Assistant General Manager; Tara Bushnoe, Natural Resources Coordinator; Nicole Shepherd, Environmental Lab Manager; Travis Linscomb, Natural Resources Specialist; Clint Robertson, Texas Parks & Wildlife Department; Jack Clarke, Kerr County Soil & Water Conservation District #217 (Kerr County SWCD); Missie A. Dreiss, Kerr County SWCD; Maxie Tirella, Congressman Chip Roy; Tommy Mathews, Westward Environmental, Inc.; Curt Campbell, Westward Environmental, Inc.; Keith Marquart, Kendall County Water Control and Improvement District #1; Stuart Barron, City of Kerrville; and John Hewitt, Hewitt Engineering, Inc.

President Waller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Waller announced that a public copy of the Board Book is available at the receptionist's desk and that copies of any items in the Board Book will be provided upon request.

President Waller introduced Item IV. Visitors/Citizens forum. There were no comments from the audience.

President Waller announced to facilitate the recording of the meeting, a visitor that has a question or wants to make a statement regarding an item under discussion must first be recognized by the Presiding Officer, then proceed to the lectern and address the question or statement to the Board.

Ms. Tirella introduced herself to the Board and provided background about her role with the office of Congressman Chip Roy.

President Waller introduced Item VI. A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2019.

Director McMahon moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2019.

Director Smith seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2019 were approved by a 9-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item VI. B. Financial Report for the Months Ended February 28, 2019.

Mr. Buck, Jr. highlighted various revenue and expense accounts. General discussion followed.

Director McMahon moved to approve the Financial Report for the Months Ended February 28, 2019. Director Hughes seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Waller called for a vote. The Financial Report for the Months Ended February 28, 2019 was approved by a 9-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item VII. Presentation and Discussion of Committee Reports. The following is a summary of the committee reports:

A. Executive Committee:

- Director Smith reported that the committee met and discussed the following item:
 - Met on 3/19/19 to discuss items on the Board Meeting Agenda

B. Outreach and Education Committee:

- Director McMahon provided updates on the following Outreach and Education programs:
 - Five EduScape Talk and Tour programs have been scheduled by Riverside Nature Center

- UGRA's Weekly Ad is running in the Kerrville Daily Times and other newspapers
- Hill Country Art Foundation will host a summer workshop transforming trash from the River Clean Up into art
- The City of Kerrville is working with Barry Wall to install the rainwater catchment system at Louise Hays Park
- Staff is working with volunteers from Riverside Nature Center and the Dietert Center to restore a section of riparian area along the River Trail at the Dietert Center
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the Rainwater Catchment System Rebate Program received four additional applications since the last Board meeting and in FY19, a total of ten applications have been funded for \$847.

C. Water Enhancement Committee:

- Director Rector reported that the committee:
 - Visited K-7 for completion inspection on March 8th
 - Visited potential site for K-8 on South Fork Ranch on March 18th which will be discussed further in Item XV.
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the Water Enhancement Cost Share Program received six additional applications since the last Board meeting and in FY19 a total of thirteen applications have been funded for \$33,212 and treated approximately 724 acres.

D. Water Source Development Committee:

- Director Musgrove reported that the committee:
 - Met on March 18th to hear report from Westward Environmental on the post mining adaptive reuse study and discuss future steps with Curtis Wheatcraft
- River Boat Tour:
 - Director Musgrove updated the Board after Item X. on the status of the river boat tour concept.

President Waller introduced Item VIII. Presentation and Discussion of Activity Reports. Director Musgrove reported that the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust did not meet. Mr. Buck, Jr. deferred his report on the Plateau Water Planning Group (PWPG) to Item IX.

President Waller introduced Item IX. Potential Ecologically Unique River and Stream Segment Recommendation by Region J (PWPG). Mr. Buck, Jr. presented information about the Ecologically Unique River and Stream Segment process and Region J's role in making the recommendation. General discussion followed. Director Hughes moved to approve Resolution

No. 2019-04 stating UGRA's position regarding recommending ecologically unique stream segments in Kerr County. Director Smith seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Waller called for a vote. Resolution No. 2019-04 was approved by an 8-0 vote with Director McMahon abstaining.

President Waller introduced Item X. Post Mining Adaptive Reuse Study: Westward Environmental, Inc. Mr. Campbell gave an overview of the study results to date and identified future steps for the Board. Mr. Mathews provided additional details about the site. General discussion followed. Direction was provided to the General Manager regarding next steps. Specifically, next steps involve securing an agreement with Curtis Wheatcraft.

President Waller introduced Item XI. Brush Management (Cedar) Disposal Techniques. Director Rector presented examples of poor cedar disposal techniques that potentially create a wildfire liability. He recommended that the UGRA Water Enhancement Cost Share Program include stipulations for preferred cedar disposal, i.e., stacking or stacking and burning, by landowners who receive incentive funding from UGRA. Mr. Clarke addressed cedar disposal practices and advocated for education on disposal methods. General discussion followed with Mr. Clarke answering questions from the Board. Direction was given by the Board to develop an educational component for the program that landowners must complete to receive funding and to present this information at the May meeting.

President Waller introduced Item XII. Water Enhancement Cost Share Program Modification. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the modifications to the program to the Board. Director Rector moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-05 authorizing the modified Water Enhancement Cost Share Program for the remainder of FY19. Director Musgrove seconded the motion. There being no

discussion, President Waller called for a vote. Resolution No. 2019-05 was approved by an 8-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item XIII. Texas Parks & Wildlife Department Freshwater Mussel Conservation Plan. Mr. Robertson presented details about the TPWD Freshwater Mussel Conservation Plan for the Guadalupe River basin and highlighted the mussels of concern. Ms. Bushnoe provided additional information on how the plan may tie into future projects concerning freshwater mussels. Director Hughes moved for UGRA to participate as a stakeholder. Director Musgrove seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. The motion to approve UGRA participate as a stakeholder in the TPWD Freshwater Mussel Conservation Plan was approved by a 7-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item XIV. Environmental Laboratory Payment Policy Modification. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the payment policy changes to the Board. Director Allen moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-06 accepting the Environmental Laboratory payment policy modifications. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. Resolution No. 2019-06 was approved by a 7-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item XV. Landowner Agreement for K-8 Water and Sediment Control Basin. Mr. Buck, Jr. gave an overview of the landowner agreement for K-8 to the Board. Mr. Hewitt commented on the details of potential site K-8. Director Allen moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-07 authorizing execution of Landowner Agreement with the owner of the South Fork Ranch for construction of a water and sediment control basin on the South Fork Ranch. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. Resolution No. 2019-07 was approved by a 7-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item XVI. Task Order for Additional Professional Engineering and Consulting Services Regarding Water and Sediment Control Basins (K-8). Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the details of the task order to the Board. Director Hughes moved to approve Resolution No. 2019-08 authorizing a Task Order with Hewitt Engineering for the design of a water and sediment control basin on the South Fork Ranch in an amount of \$35,300. Director Allen seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Waller called for a vote. Resolution No. 2019-08 was approved by a 7-0 vote.

President Waller introduced Item XVII. General Manager's Report. Mr. Buck, Jr. updated the Board on outreach and education activities in which UGRA initiated or participated, investigations, the feral hog program, the Starlight Recovery Center effluent discharge application, that UGRA won 1st place for Friend of Conservation in the Texas Conservation Area II, and that UGRA won the Texas Rain Catcher Award (education/governmental category) for the UGRA EduScape.

President Waller introduced Item XVI. Written Reports.

President Waller recognized Director Allen for his years of service on the UGRA Board of Directors.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:44 pm.

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ATTEST:

Bob Waller, President
Board of Directors

Diane McMahon, Secretary
Board of Directors