

Minutes
September 22, 2021
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, September 22, 2021, Blake Smith, President; Diane McMahon, Vice President; Aaron Bulkley, Secretary; Bill Rector, Treasurer; Gene Allen; Austin Dickson; and Maggie Snow were present and constituted a quorum. Also present were: Raymond Buck, Jr., General Manager; Tara Bushnoe, Natural Resources Coordinator; Nicole Shepherd, Environmental Lab Manager; Nathan Pence, GBRA; Don Harris, Kerr County Commissioner Precinct 4; Justin Klinksiek, Kerr County Extension Agent; and Scott Loveland, City of Kerrville.

President Smith led Item II. Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Smith 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.

President Smith introduced Item VI. Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2021 (FY22) and convened the hearing at 3:01 pm. There being no comments, President Smith closed the hearing at 3:02 pm.

President Smith introduced Item VII. A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2021. Director McMahon moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2021 with amendments to replace “convened” with “reconvened” and to omit “final” on page 13. Director Allen seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 25, 2021 were approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VII. B. Financial Report for the Months Ended August 31, 2021. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented a summary of the financial report and highlighted various revenue and expense accounts. Director Rector moved to approve the Financial Report for the Months Ended August 31, 2021. Director Bulkley seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The Financial Report for the Months Ended August 31, 2021 was approved by a unanimous vote.

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

A. Executive Committee:

- President Smith provided the following committee updates:
 - Did not meet since the last Board Meeting.

B. Water Quality Committee:

- Director Rector provided the following committee updates:
 - Did not meet since the last Board Meeting.
 - Director Rector notified the Board of an upcoming talk by Elizabeth McGreevy on her new book, “Wanted! Mountain Cedars”
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the Water Enhancement through Brush Management Cost Share program funded one application since the last Board Meeting. Since the beginning of the program in January 2010, a total of 164 applications have been funded for \$515,963 and treated approximately 13,573 acres. To date in FY21, 17 applications have been funded for \$52,942 and treated approximately 1,086 acres.

C. Watershed Stewardship Committee:

- Director Bulkley provided the following committee updates:

- Did not meet since the last Board Meeting.

D. Education Committee:

- Director Snow provided the following committee updates:
 - Did not meet since the last Board Meeting.

E. Public Outreach Committee:

- President Smith provided the following committee updates:
 - Did not meet since the last Board Meeting.
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the Rainwater Catchment System Rebate Program funded 10 applications since the last Board Meeting. Since the beginning of the program in March 2011, a total of 534 applications have been funded for \$30,255. To date in FY21, a total of 31 applications have been funded for \$4,010.

F. Guadalupe- Blanco River Trust:

- Directors McMahon and Snow provided the following GBRT updates:
 - Did not meet since the last Board Meeting.

President Smith introduced Item IX. Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority Habitat Conservation Plan Update. Mr. Pence presented an update of the GBRA Habitat Conservation Plan to the Board. General discussion followed. As this was a presentation only, no action was taken.

President Smith introduced Item X. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the details of the FY22 Budget and changes made since August to the Board. Director Rector moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-18 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget as depicted in Attachment A. Director Dickson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-18 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XI. Adoption of Maintenance Tax Rate for the 2021 Tax Year (FY22). Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the tax rate to the Board. Director McMahon moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-19 Adopting a Maintenance Tax Rate for Tax Year 2021 (FY22). Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-19 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XII. Interlocal Agreement (ILA) Between Kerr County and the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) for Water Quality Protection through Feral Hog Management. Ms. Bushnoe presented the feral hog management agreement and gave an update to the Board on new monthly software and data costs associated with the trap. Director Allen moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-20 authorizing the execution of the attached ILA between Kerr County and UGRA for Water Quality Protection through Feral Hog Management. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-20 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XIII. Revisions to Rainwater Catchment Rebate Program. Ms. Bushnoe presented the revisions to the rebate program to the Board. Director Bulkley moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-21 authorizing revisions to the Rainwater Catchment Rebate Program. Director Rector seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-21 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XIV. Revisions to Large Rainwater System Incentive Program. Ms. Bushnoe presented the revisions to the incentive program to the Board. Director Rector moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-22 authorizing revisions to the Large Rainwater System Incentive Program with the amendment of “as long as they continue to meet eligibility requirements” on page 1 of Attachment A. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Amended Resolution No. 2021-22 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XV. Revisions to Water Enhancement Cost Share Program (Brush Management). Ms. Bushnoe provided a summary of the proposed changes to the program

guidelines to the Board. Director Snow moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-23 authorizing revisions to the Water Enhancement Cost Share Program. Director McMahon seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-23 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XVI. Agreement for UGRA 2nd Grade Science Day Program with Riverside Nature Center. Ms. Bushnoe provided a summary of the agreement for the program to the Board. Director Allen moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-24 authorizing an agreement with Riverside Nature Center for the UGRA 2nd Grade Science Day program in an amount not to exceed \$4,200. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-24 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XVII. Agreement for Guadalupe River Water Resources Educational Programs with Riverside Nature Center. Ms. Bushnoe presented an overview of the agreement to the Board. Director Dickson moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-25 authorizing an agreement with Riverside Nature Center for Guadalupe River Water Resources Educational Programs in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Director Bulkley seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2021-25 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XVIII. Election of FY22 Officers. Director McMahon reported that the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers to serve from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 to the Board: Diane McMahon, President; Aaron Bulkley, Vice-President; Bill Rector, Secretary; and Maggie Snow, Treasurer. Director Bulkley moved to approve the presented slate of Board Officers to serve from October 1, 2021 through September

30, 2022 as recommended by the Nominating Committee. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The motion to approve the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XIX. General Manager’s Report. Mr. Buck, Jr. updated the Board on additional presentations and activities in which UGRA initiated or participated, investigations, staff training, meetings, and Sunset.

President Smith introduced Item XX. Written Reports.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

UPPER GUADALUPE RIVER AUTHORITY

ATTEST:

Blake W. Smith, President
Board of Directors

Aaron Bulkley, Secretary
Board of Directors