

Minutes
November 23, 2020
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 3:03 pm on Wednesday, November 23, 2020 as a video conference in accordance with the Governor's emergency proclamation suspending certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act effective March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 virus. Members of the public were provided the option to view the meeting through a video conference weblink or to listen to the proceedings by using a dial in telephone number. Blake Smith, President; Diane McMahon, Vice-President; Aaron Bulkley, Secretary; Bill Rector, Treasurer; Lynda Ables; Austin Dickson; Mike Hughes; and Maggie Snow were present and constituted a quorum. Also present were: Raymond Buck, Jr., General Manager; Tammy Thompson, Assistant General Manager; and Tara Bushnoe, Natural Resources Coordinator.

President Smith announced he will forgo Item II. Pledge of Allegiance since a flag was not available.

President Smith announced that copies of any items in the Board Book will be provided upon request.

President Smith introduced Items IV. Citizen Communication and V. Public Participation. The posted Agenda outlined the process to register to provide public comment at the meeting. Members of the public who wanted to provide public comment were to register by 2:45 pm on November 23, 2020. At the start of the meeting, no requests to provide public comment had been received. Additionally, at the time these items were announced, no members of the public had

joined the meeting via video conference or telephone. Therefore, there were no comments or questions from the public.

President Smith introduced Item VI. A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2020. Director Rector moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2020. Director Ables seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2020 were approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VI. B. Financial Report for the Months Ended September 30, 2020. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented a summary of the financial report and highlighted various revenue and expense accounts. Director Bulkley moved to approve the Financial Report for the Months Ended September 30, 2020. Director Dickson seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The Financial Report for the Months Ended September 30, 2020 was approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VI. C. Financial Report for the Months Ended October 31, 2020. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented a summary of the financial report and highlighted various revenue and expense accounts. Director Bulkley moved to approve the Financial Report for the Months Ended October 31, 2020. Director Hughes seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The Financial Report for the Months Ended October 31, 2020 was approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VI. D. Quarterly Investment Report for Quarter Ended September 30, 2020. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the investment report to the Board and provided additional updates since the report was compiled. Director Ables moved to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2020. Director Rector seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. The Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter Ended September 30, 2020 was approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VI. E. Setting 2021

Official Holidays. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented a summary of the 2021 holidays compared to other local entities. Director Hughes moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-26 Setting 2021 Official Holidays. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2020-26 was approved by a unanimous vote. President Smith introduced Item VI. F. Setting Dates and Times of Regular 2021 Board Meetings. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the dates and times of the Regular 2021 Board Meetings. General discussion followed. Director Dickson moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-27 Setting Dates and Times of the Regular 2021 Board Meetings. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2020-27 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item VII. 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:
 - Met on November 12, 2020 and discussed items regarding the Agenda.
 - Discussed items on the Agenda.

B. Outreach and Education Committee:

- Ms. Bushnoe gave the following committee updates:
 - Update on outreach activities since last Board Meeting.
 - Met on October 19, 2020 to discuss items regarding program planning.
 - Application Update for Large Rainwater System Incentive Program.
- Ms. Bushnoe reported that the rainwater catchment system rebate program funded 11 applications since the last Board Meeting. Since the beginning of the program in March 2011, a total of 507 applications have been funded for \$26,803. To date in FY21, a total of 4 applications have been funded for \$557.

C. Water Enhancement Program Committee:

- Director Rector provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on October 15, 2020 (ZOOM) to discuss items regarding program planning and evaluation of the water and sediment control basin program.
 - K-9 update presentation

- Director Bulkley presented the FY20 Feral Hog Bounty Program Summary
- Director Hughes presented the Potential Procedure for Evaluating Water and Sediment Control Basins
 - Ms. Bushnoe presented a flood mitigation analysis of the Water and Sediment Control Basins
- Mr. Buck, Jr. reported that the water enhancement through brush management cost share program funded 17 applications for reimbursement since the last Board Meeting. Since the beginning of the program in January 2010, a total of 155 applications have been funded for \$492,139 and treated approximately 13,100 acres. To date in FY21, 7 applications have been funded for \$29,118 and treated approximately 613 acres.

D. Watershed Stewardship Committee:

- Director Bulkley provided the following committee updates:
 - Met on October 21, 2020 to discuss items regarding program planning
 - General discussion followed

E. Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust

- Director McMahon gave a report on the ZOOM GBRT board meeting.

President Smith introduced Item VIII. Strategy Development Discussion for Programs/Projects to be Considered in 2021 and presented ideas discussed during Executive Committee. General discussion followed. It was the consensus of the Board that a workshop will be held in 2021 to discuss action plans for specific projects. No action was taken as this was a discussion item only.

President Smith introduced Item IX. Annual UGRA Investment Policy Review. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the details of the annual investment policy to the Board. Director Bulkley moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-28 acknowledging review and acceptance of the Investment Policy on November 18, 2020. Director Hughes seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2020-28 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item X. Authorize the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) to serve as the political subdivision for the sixth cycle of regional water planning (2021-2026) for the Plateau Water Planning Group “Region J”. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the details to the Board. Director Rector moved to approve Resolution No. 2020-29 authorizing the Upper Guadalupe River

Authority (UGRA) to serve as the political subdivision for the sixth cycle of regional water planning (2021-2026) for the Plateau Water Planning Group “Region J”. Director Snow seconded the motion. There being no discussion, President Smith called for a vote. Resolution No. 2020-29 was approved by a unanimous vote.

President Smith introduced Item XI. Demonstration of Shure Digital Sound System. Mr. Buck, Jr. presented the details of the proposal to the Board and noted that the demonstration was canceled due to the meeting not being held in person. General discussion followed. Direction was given to the General Manger.

President Smith introduced Item XII. General Manager’s Report. Mr. Buck, Jr. updated the Board on additional outreach and education activities in which UGRA initiated or participated, comments submitted to House Interim Study Committee on Aggregate Production, investigations, staff training, the Healthy Creeks Initiative, and the Interregional Planning Council.

President Smith introduced Item XIII. Written Reports.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.

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ATTEST:

Blake W. Smith, President
Board of Directors

Aaron Bulkley, Secretary
Board of Directors