UGRA Elects New Officers

At the September 20th meeting, the Board of Directors of the Upper Guadalupe River Authority (UGRA) unanimously elected new officers for terms to expire September 30, 2018.

Bob Waller was elected President, Blake Smith was elected Vice-President, Diane McMahon was elected Secretary-Treasurer, and Wayne Musgrove was elected Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. Bob Waller, Blake Smith, and Wayne Musgrove had previously served on officer’s row. “I am looking forward to working with Ray Buck, UGRA General Manager, his well-qualified staff, and all of the other Board members,” said newly elected President Waller. “The knowledge I have gained as a Board member and Officer for the past three years has provided me with an expanded insight about the importance of the UGRA’s mission to protect, develop and manage the water quantity, quality, and sustainability in the Guadalupe River Watershed in Kerr County.”

President Waller is Senior Vice President and Group Manager of four Hill Country Financial Centers for Broadway Bank, headquartered in San Antonio. His service to the community includes being the immediate Past-President of the Kerr County United Way, current Chair of the City of Kerrville Planning and Zoning Commission, and recently appointed Chair of the City of Kerrville Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. Other areas of his community service have included being past Chairman of the Kerr Economic Development Foundation, Kerr County YMCA, Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce, President of the Kerrville Noon Rotary Club, and a Board member of the Hill County Veteran’s Council. Mr. Waller served in the U.S. Marine Corps and is a Vietnam Veteran. He received a Bachelor’s degree from North Texas State University and is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University and the National Commercial Lending Graduate School at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Waller was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2014.

Vice-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 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.

Secretary-Treasurer 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 a member of the City of Kerrville Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, 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. Ms. McMahon was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2015.

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Musgrove is a resident of Mountain Home, Texas and was born and raised in Beaumont. Mr. Musgrove is a retired businessman with a past career in marine transportation, aviation, ranching, and marine construction. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and as a Naval Aviator flew on and off of several aircraft carriers during the Cold War and Vietnam Era. He is an aircraft pilot and has ratings that include Multi-Engine, Land and Sea. He has served on many boards of directors such as Arcadia State Bank, Twin City Barge Lines, American Waterways Operators, the National Museum of Naval Aviation, the Former Texas Rangers Foundation, and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Guadalupe-Blanco River Trust as well as the UGRA Board. He has been active in the Republican Party for over 45 years. Mr. Musgrove and his wife, Betty, celebrated 50 years of marriage in 2016. Mr. Musgrove was appointed to the UGRA Board in 2015.

The newly elected officers will begin their terms October 1, 2017.

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