

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Grand River Dam Authority  
Board of Directors  
October 11, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Grand River Dam Authority was held at the Grand River Dam Authority's Administrative Center in Chouteau, Oklahoma on October 11, 2023. Notice was given pursuant to 25 O.S.A. § 301 et seq. by submitting a schedule of regular monthly meetings to the Secretary of State on November 22, 2022 at 10:56 a.m.; by posting the agenda with the Mayes County Clerks' offices on October 10, 2023, at 9:29 a.m.; by posting said agenda at [www.grda.com](http://www.grda.com); and by posting said agenda at the principal office of Grand River Dam Authority at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Chair Westbrook called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. The Secretary called the roll. All members were present. Chair Westbrook declared a quorum and welcomed back Director Tom Kimball, recently appointed by the Oklahoma Speaker of the House. He said he looked forward to working with him again.

Director Kimball stated it was like coming home to his family, and that he is proud to be back.

BOARD MEMBERS

Michael Westbrook, Chair	Present
Chris Meyers, Chair-Elect	Present
Dwayne Elam	Present
Tom Kimball	Present
Paul Matthews	Present
John Rupe, Jr.	Present
Charles Sublett	Present

ADMINISTRATIVE

Daniel S. Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer	Present
Erik Feighner, Chief Financial Officer/Corporate Treasurer	Present
Sheila Allen, Corporate Secretary	Present
Tim Brown, Executive VP - Chief Operating Officer	Present
Brian Edwards, Executive VP – Law Enforcement/Lake Operations	Present
Laura Hunter, Executive VP - Chief Administrative Officer	Present
Heath Lofton, Executive VP - General Counsel	Present
Nathan Reese, Executive VP – External Relations	Present
John Wiscaver, Executive VP – Corporate & Strategic Communications	Present
Chris Carlson, Deputy Chief – Law Enforcement	Absent
Tony Dionisio, VP – Chief Information Officer	Present
Steve Jacoby, VP – Generation Engineering	Present
Robert Ladd, VP – Generation Operations	Present
Darrell Townsend II, VP – Ecosystems & Watershed Management	Absent
Jeff Tullis, VP – Transmission, Distribution & Engineering	Present

**4. New Business**

**4.a. Capital Work Order Report**

Number	D365 Project	Funding Source	Title	Gross Work Order Amount	Reimbursement	Net GRDA Cost
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RF023-01271	P002521	REVENUE	Salina Pump Storage Canal Restoration Project	687,424	-	687,424
RF023-01268	1996610	REVENUE	OOWA WWTP New Service	161,818	(141,394)	20,424
<b>Grand Total Work Orders</b>				<b>\$849,242</b>	<b>\$(141,394)</b>	<b>\$707,848</b>

Mr. Sullivan explained the two items contained in the Capital Work Order Report.

There were no questions from the Board.

Director Elam moved the Board approve the Capital Work Order Report as presented, seconded by Director Sublett, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

## CONSENT AGENDA

**4.b. Approval of Third Amendment and Assignment of Revocable License to Encroach from Glenna L. Crockett, as Trustee of the Crockett Family Revocable Trust dated August 28, 2007 to Todd Charles Grovatt and Tammy Lynn Grovatt for Property Located in Delaware County, Oklahoma**

**5.b. Purchase Order Report (\*Denotes Addenda Items):**

Standard Purchase Orders & Contracts		
PO Number	Vendor Name and City State	Amount
42362	BURNS & MCDONNELL ENGINEERING, INC. - KANSAS CITY, MO	173,065.00
PCPA-000156	BRENNTAG SOUTHWEST, INC. - NOWATA, OK	275,618.75
PCPA-000168	SKYHAWK CHEMICALS, INC. - HOUSTON, TX	261,043.75
PCPO-003108	SIEMENS ENERGY, INC. - RICHLAND, MS	4,695,190.00
PCPA-000172	BELL LUMBER & POLE COMPANY - NEW BRIGHTON, MN	443,047.00
PCPA-000173	GEOTEK - STEWARTVILLE, MN	85,310.00
PCPA-000176	TECHLINE, INC. - SHAWNEE, OK	13,047.90
PCPA-000171	SHAFFER'S SUBSTATION CONSTRUCTION - ELLSINORE, MO	377,500.00
<b>Grand Total Standard POs &amp; Contracts:</b>		<b>\$6,323,822.40</b>
Change Orders & Renewals		
PO Number	Vendor Name and City State	Amount
PCPA-000095	GE STEAM POWER, INC. - ALANTA, GA	69,149.60
43547	RIZZO INTERNATIONAL, INC. - PITTSBURG, PA	387,211.00
PCPA-000089	STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC. - HOUSTON, TX	515,000.00
PCPA-000150	NORTHWEST HYDRAULIC CONSULTANTS, INC. - NORTH VANCOUVER, BC	589,200.00
<b>Grand Total Change Orders &amp; Renewals:</b>		<b>\$1,560,560.60</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$7,884,383.00</b>

Chair Westbrook went over items on the Consent Agenda. He asked Mr. Sullivan to cover some of the items on the Purchase Order Report.

Mr. Sullivan sent over several items listed on the report. There were no questions from the Board.

Director Meyers moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Director Elam, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

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## REGULAR AGENDA

### 3. Unfinished Business:

#### 3.a. Progress Reports

Mr. Sullivan explained data shown as to GRDA's Demand and Energy for Load Following, comparing information for 2022 and 2023 for GRDA's Full Requirements Customers for the month of September. He said this month there was a five percent increase in demand and a ten percent increase in energy. This is considered fairly normal for the month. Mr. Sullivan showed graphs illustrating a comparison of resource energy production for September 2022 and September 2023. He said there was not a significant change from year to year, but noted the reduced amount of coal used due to maintenance during the month.

The replacement buoy line project started in 2020, due to multiple breaks of the existing line during the 2017 and 2019 storms. This created safety concerns that necessitated closing the lower portion of Lake Hudson. The patrolling of the lake during flooding with the buoy line out of service resulted in 24-7 policing and numerous flood gate operations to facilitate repairs. Worthington Products was awarded the contract in April 2023 and the installation wrapped up in September. The new buoy line has a significantly improved and extended life, potentially 50 years. Mr. Sullivan showed photographs of the buoys and signs that were installed.

Approximately twenty participants, representing six municipal customer communities participated in the first GRDA Customer Social Media Workshop. The idea for a workshop grew out of feedback GRDA received during a recent series of utility office visits, to discuss the "Knowledge Is Power" energy communications program. It was an opportunity for front line utility personnel who handle social media duties to be in the same room to form relationships, share ideas and talk through issues such as policy and public power messaging. The feedback from participants was very positive and the Authority anticipates holding another workshop in the spring of 2024.

On September 14, the 2023 MESO Lineworkers' Rodeo was held in Bentonville, Arkansas. Mr. Sullivan showed photographs of the winners and participants from GRDA.

Mr. Sullivan said the WOKA Whitewater Park has been open almost a month since September 15, 2023. Since the opening, over four thousand vehicles were logged on the parking kiosk. Kayaks were the most rented item, followed by solo tubes and family tubes. During the last two weeks of September, there were 338 rentals. He stated that visitors have traveled to WOKA from the states of Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, and Texas. Participant ages ranged from six years old to paddlers in their eighties. Mr. Sullivan showed photographs of activity at the property. He stated it was great to see this kind of response.

GRDA, MESO and OMPA joined forces once again for the 2023 Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) Conference. This year, the group designed a 3E rodeo themed booth and represented a unified public power presence. The effort was recognized with first place. Special thanks to all involved including GRDA's Wholesale Customer Relations Team, Strategic Communications, Jeri Fleming, David Hefner, Chester Rothhammer, Jeff Tullis, along with Cushing Line and Transmission & Distribution Welding crews. The conference brings together a statewide audience of mayors, council members, trustees, city managers, clerks and other municipal professionals representing communities from across Oklahoma, along with many other exhibitors. The conference featured educational break-out sessions, covering current topics important to municipalities.

To complete a maintenance project at its Salina Pumped Storage Project, a temporary drawdown of the W.R. Holway Reservoir is underway. GRDA plans to lower the reservoir forty-three feet below its normal maximum level to complete the work. The drawdown reached its bottom depth on October 9, 2023. Maintenance work will begin soon and is scheduled to be completed by mid-January 2024. The reservoir refill is anticipated to be completed by February 1, 2024.

Mr. Sullivan told the Board GRDA has worked 16 days accident free. The Safety Team held a Safety Fair September 27-28 at the GRDA Administrative Center. Safety wear vendors, along with a food truck were on-site to allow employees to purchase safety gear needed prior to the end of the year.

Mr. Sullivan showed information regarding GRDA's Workers' Compensation premium recent history. The new premium that has just come in is a slight increase from last year's premium at \$135,898. He stated that in 2015 the premium was over \$1 million. They are happy to see the premiums stabilize based on what has been seen in the past.

Mr. Sullivan introduced the two videos to be shown.

#### **4. New Business:**

##### **4.c. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) of \$0.02748 per kWh for November 2023**

Mr. Sullivan said there has been a slight decrease in the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for November from October's PCA. He presented tables showing the PCA calculations based on the staff's forecast for November 2023, and explained the details. He said the PCA is anticipated to decrease again for next month. All figures are assumptions based on the information they have from historical data. Mr. Sullivan showed a graph illustrating the GRDA PCA rates (both actual and estimated) and what the under or over recovery is expected to look like for the next year. He presented another graph showing the overall value of GRDA's resource portfolio. The market cost of GRDA load is offset by the Authority's resource revenue, resulting in a cost that will be recovered by the monthly PCA rate. Mr. Sullivan presented a chart illustrating a comparison of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) South Hub day ahead on-peak and off-peak energy with a comparison against the cost for natural gas for the Henry Hub as of September 27, 2023. He also showed another comparison of October to November rate calculations.

Director Elam moved to approve the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) of \$ 0.02748 per kWh for November 2023 as presented, seconded by Director Meyers, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

##### **4.d. Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of Variances to Contract 44135, Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Management (EpCM) Services for New Generation – Black & Veatch**

Mr. Ladd provided background on Contract 44135. He also explained why the Engineering, Procurement, and Construction Management (EpCM) concept for the project was selected to build GREC Unit 4. He stated the EpCM approach provides a high level of owner involvement and project ownership, competitive pricing, responsibly managed capital costs, lowest possible price for a quality product, cost transparency and overall accountability, and shared risk strategy. Mr. Ladd presented a general scope overview of the EpCM approach and described how the GRDA Team would work with Black & Veatch on this project. He provided a timeline of milestones for the GREC Unit 4 project to the Board. Mr. Ladd further explained the scope differences for the combustion turbine generator that the vendor excluded, originally considered in the bid review process. He went over the engineering expansion from the Limited Notice to Proceed (LNTP) 1. This included design and procurement of demineralized water treatment, an alternative electrical approach, design and procurement of fuel gas compressors and associated building, foundation design for a spare generator step up transformer, and additional procurement hours for delays based on GRDA bidding processes. Given the compressed work schedule, the team has factored in construction management staffing at fifty hours per week and commissioning at sixty hours per week. There will also be accelerated engineering for procurements due to long equipment lead times. There will be additional overall management of the increased scope of the contract, and considerations given to allow for hydrogen fuel related to the combustion turbine generator, future equipment arrangement, and future capabilities. Mr.

Ladd presented a graph illustrating the contingency curve to calculate the contingency amount needed given all of the above variables. He explained the graph and related chart, saying these numbers were based on figures that calculate the risk of overrunning the total cost of the project. In looking at these calculations, there is a 12.7 percent total contingency needed to ensure the risk to GRDA is kept in check. The amount associated with this 12.7 percent contingency is \$45,499,784. One of the factors and major points of uncertainty going into this project is competing projects locally and regionally for labor. There are currently ninety-one projects that will be taking place in a 130-mile radius of the Chouteau, Oklahoma area from May 2024 to September 2026, with four of those being solar projects. Mr. Ladd presented a chart illustrating the target cost build-up as of October 5, 2023, including the target project cost for GRDA's GREC Unit 4. The Black & Veatch engineering and construction management cost will be \$42,324,785.

Discussion ensued regarding the detailed costs and risks of this project, as well as what Black & Veatch's role will be during the construction process and beyond.

Mr. Ladd told the Board he would keep them updated. He and Mr. Sullivan said the GRDA Team will be at the table for all aspects of the project if this "EpCM" approach is taken, with significant increased transparency.

Director Westbrook asked what the cost difference between an EpCM type approach and an EPC type contract would generally be. Mr. Ladd told the Board it would likely be an approximately additional \$40 million, or approximately ten percent.

Director Kimball asked how many Mitsubishi and Black & Veatch people will be involved with this project that were involved with building GREC Unit 3. Mr. Ladd said the teams for GREC Unit 4 are relatively new teams given that most of the individuals involved in the last project have been promoted and are now overseeing this new project and involved indirectly. He explained that the Mitsubishi and Black & Veatch teams were working on a project in Alabama that is now complete, and they will somewhat move to work on this project together. Mr. Sullivan stated this project is much simpler than the previous combined-cycle project.

The Board thanked the team for their hard work in putting all of this information together.

Director Rupe moved that Management be authorized to execute the final Contract 44135 for Engineering Procurement, and Construction Management (EpCM) Services with Black & Veatch, in an amount not-to-exceed \$42,324,785.00, seconded by Director Kimball, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

#### **4.e. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Contract PCPA-000187 – Electrical Equipment for GREC Unit 4 – Eaton**

Mr. Ladd said this item is in support of GREC Unit 4. He provided an overview of this portion of the project and the supporting information. This included an electrical switchgear that was identified early on as a critical path item for the project, given extraordinary lead times. Also, a specification was developed by Black & Veatch and requests for competitive bids were sent via GRDA's public bidding tool. The Request for Proposal included motor control centers, switchgear and panelboards for medium and low voltage. The pre-engineered Power Distribution Center was not included as lead times were initially beyond the necessary timeline. Mr. Ladd said Eaton may provide schedule relief for this, depending on further discussions. He presented a summary of the proposals the team received. With Eaton coming in with the lowest compliant bid and within about two percent of their original budget. Mr. Ladd said it was the team's recommendation to award this contract to Eaton with a five percent contingency built into the proposed amount.

Director Matthews left the room at 11:01 a.m., and returned at 11:02 a.m.

Director Elam asked if Mr. Ladd was comfortable with this. Mr. Ladd confirmed he is very comfortable with Eaton and have worked with them many times before.

Director Elam moved that Contract PCPA-000187 for Supply of Electrical Equipment for GREC Unit No. 4 be awarded to Eaton, in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,948,230, which includes a 5% contingency, subject to approval of final contract terms and conditions that are satisfactory to the General Counsel and Chief Executive Officer, seconded by Director Meyers, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**4.f. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Change Order 1 to Contract 44026 (PCPA-000150) – Kerr Dam Stabilization and Spillway Toe Scour Improvements Final Design Hydraulic Modeling - Brayman Construction Company and Williams Construction**

Mr. Jacoby said scour conditions at the Kerr Dam Spillway toe were identified following the flood of record in December 2015-January 2016, and conditions deteriorated further during additional floods between 2016 and 2020. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) determined the magnitude of damages and the likelihood for continued destabilization to be a critical dam safety issue. The FERC assigned an Interim Risk Reduction Measure (IRRM) to provide for the elimination of flood pool operations for the project while improving the conditions. GRDA is implementing a scour restoration program inclusive of a change of IRRM from flood pool management to the stabilization anchorage. The Authority will focus on the scour stabilization and reclamation construction immediately after anchoring is complete and accepted. The spillway anchoring contract was awarded to Brayman Construction in March 2023. Mr. Jacoby told the Board, where allowed, the contractor is proceeding very well. However, progress has been significantly hampered due to the FERC limiting the work with stoppage and scope limitations issued on June 1, 2023. The contractor, sub-contractors, suppliers and GRDA have worked tirelessly to limit delay costs and avoid cancelling and rebidding the project. The Authority had submitted ninety percent complete construction documents with supporting information to their Board of Consultants (BoC) and FERC in both February 2022 and with near complete design in October 2022 before going to bids in November of 2022. He showed photographs of the test anchor installation and work at the dam. It was very successful. The next steps will be the production anchor installation authorization, which is expected imminently. There has been a delay in authorization which has extended anchor completion from November to the spring of 2024 and placed the project at financial risk from the potential upcoming spring flood season. Design for the primary project for the scour restoration is proceeding and construction of the spillway toe scour and undermining is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2024. The original program evaluations included hydraulic modeling of design floods. Additional hydraulic modeling by Northwest Hydraulic Laboratory, inclusive of the physical modelling of the energy dissipation devices and routine flood routing operating procedure will begin immediately. There was concern when GRDA awarded the anchor project and the need to manage the risk of delay and down time from weather and flood influences. We reported to the Board during our award presentation on the importance of our teaming effort between the contractor, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the National Weather Service and GRDA. That effort provided significant unanticipated benefits. The FERC-related delay was not the anticipated concern, but there continue to be delays from June 1, 2023, to today with four months of limited productivity. The contractor significantly reduced the burn rate by avoiding mobilization of their staff committed to the project, from a peak load needed for production of 40 to 45 people, down to 12 plus limiting required sub-contractor staffing for the crane and platform erection. GRDA's suppliers have supported delay effects as much as possible. This Change Order No. 1 includes the delay cost to the Authority for the stop orders and to support recovery with the addition of lighting to extend work hours each day into the fall and winter. Mr. Jacoby went over the changes his team anticipates for further action after the authorization is received. There are areas of risk in the proposals that require final negotiation. The reduction of the number of production anchors will be possible and is about a \$1 million deduction from the cost. Timing and the proposed construction methodology will determine whether this results in cost savings, as more negotiation is needed. We anticipate final resolution of the remaining stop work by next month's Board meeting. Brayman Construction is proposing a continuous access platform that does not require reconstruction of the sections throughout the construction. Their schedule provides the best risk management for flooding and their proposal provided for negotiated demobilization and standby cost. Mr. Jacoby explained that the contractor could not have foreseen these delays. They implemented numerous cost savings to limit the cost to GRDA, and were able to make progress while ordered and limited by the FERC. This positions the project for immediate production as soon as this is

authorized and approved. He showed the original contract amount and said that Change Order No. 1 would increase the contract value by \$1,122,558.57.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing and delays experienced to make sure the entire Board was fully informed on what has happened in the past on the project and the stance the FERC has had.

Director Meyers asked if GRDA would be eligible for any federal infrastructure grants available. Mr. Jacoby said they have looked into that, but have not identified any of these for this project. He stated the Authority is currently looking for other improvement grants that may be available to them.

Director Kimball moved approval of Change Order No. 1 value of \$1,122,558.57 to Contract 44026, Kerr Dam Spillway Anchorage with the team of Brayman Construction Corporation and Williams Construction for the revised unit price contract at a cost not-to-exceed \$19,421,657.57, seconded by Director Sublett, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**4.g. Other New Business, if Any, Which Has Arisen Since the Posting of the Agenda and Could Not Have Been Anticipated Prior to the Time of Posting (25 O.S. § 311(9)).**

There was no other new business.

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**5. Reports**

**5.a. Board of Directors Committee Reports**

**1. Assets Committee:**

- a) **Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of Request by James M. Burke and Kimberly L. Burke for a License to Encroach for Property Located in Delaware County, Oklahoma.**
- b) **Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of Request by Larry D. McCabe and Sandy J. McCabe for a License to Encroach for Property Located in Delaware County, Oklahoma.**
- c) **Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of Request by Randall Scott Denton and Emerette Pierce Denton, Trustees of the Denton Living Trust Dated January 14, 2005, for a Utility Easement Located in Craig County, Oklahoma.**
- d) **Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of Request by the City of Tahlequah for a Roadway Easement Located in Cherokee County, Oklahoma.**

Director Matthews said the committee met this morning. He explained a bit about each item discussed. He stated all items were approved unanimously by the committee members. There were no questions or comments on these items from the Board of Directors.

**Regarding item a,** Director Matthews moved to approve a License to Encroach to Kimberly L. Burke and James M. Burke, Co-Trustees of the Kimberly L. Burke Revocable Trust dated March 12, 2015 for a License to Encroach in Delaware County, Oklahoma for the amount of \$100.00 per year, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item b,** Director Matthews moved to approve a License to Encroach to Larry D. and Sandy J. McCabe in Delaware County, Oklahoma for the amount of \$772.00 per year plus survey fees in the amount of \$1,150.00 at the rate of \$96.00 per month beginning November 1, 2023, until paid in full, as approved by

the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item c**, Director Matthews moved to approve an easement for lift station and force main to Randall Scott Denton and Emerette Pierce Denton, Trustees of the Denton Living Trust dated January 14, 2005, in Craig County, Oklahoma, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item d**, Director Matthews moved to approve an easement to City of Tahlequah in Cherokee County, Oklahoma, for the amount of \$525.00, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

## **2. Audit, Finance, Budget, Policy & Compliance Committee:**

- a) Resolution 5443 – Resolution Relating to the Sale, Issuance and Delivery of Revenue Bonds**
- b) Resolution 5444 – Fifteenth Supplemental Resolution**

Director Sublett said the committee met October 6, 2023. He stated the committee discussed the upcoming 2023 and 2024 series bond issuances and the budget cycle. Director Sublett asked Mr. Feighner to provide a brief overview of the bond resolutions for the Board's approval.

**Regarding item a**, Mr. Feighner provided a summary of the bond offering and presented key bond issuance dates. He explained what this could look like for the needed funds to complete GREC Unit 4, saying the dynamics of the market could offer savings, based on timing. Mr. Feighner showed an executive summary from Goldman Sachs showing that the bond market remains volatile and explained this further, along with providing graphs showing the U.S. Treasury Yield Curve and potential for refunding. He said each of the directors received a copy of Resolution 5443 and 5444. He presented a summary of each of these resolutions, requesting approval as they are presented.

Director Sublett moved to approve Resolution 5443 – Resolution Relating to the Sale, Issuance and Delivery of Revenue Bonds as presented, as approved by the Audit, Finance, Budget, Policy & Compliance Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item b**, Director Sublett moved to approve Resolution 5444 – Fifteenth Supplemental Resolution as presented, as approved by the Audit, Finance, Budget, Policy & Compliance Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

## **3. Compensation & Marketing Committee:**

- a) WOKA Whitewater Park Earned Media**
- b) Mitsubishi Power Earned Media**
- c) GRDA Web Site Update**

Director Kimball asked Mr. Wiscaver to cover these items for the Board.

**Regarding item a**, Mr. Wiscaver presented earned media information for the opening weekend of the WOKA Whitewater Park. He said they are proud of the coverage received for a total ad equivalency of \$218,970 and ninety total mentions with over 11,000 shares on social media.

There is no action needed on this item.

**Regarding item b**, Mr. Wiscaver said on a World Media and Oklahoma Media level, they had tremendous success in announcing the Mitsubishi and GRDA partnership for a clean energy transition. With 151 total



mentions and a total readership of over 140,000,000, they were able to track the total ad equivalency at almost \$789,000. He showed an executive summary of the readership.

There is no action needed on this item.

**Regarding item c**, Mr. Wiscaver said the WOKA Whitewater Park website has been meticulously designed with a focus on aesthetics, functionality, and user-friendliness. Their goal was to create a visually appealing and informative platform that enhances the user experience. He showed an overview of the key elements and said the Authority is very close to completing work on the new GRDA website. He provided a preview of the website for the Board and visitors. Mr. Wiscaver stated the revamped GRDA website signifies a substantial transformation, with a core focus on elevating the user experience and expanding the content accessibility. The initiative aims to streamline navigation and create an intuitive and organized platform suitable for both internal stakeholders and external users. He provided some key enhancements visitors will see. This comprehensive overhaul, driven by user-centric principles, simplifies content access, improves navigation, and creates a visually engaging platform. The website is poised to effectively serve the needs of all users and deliver a superior online experience that aligns with GRDA's mission and values. Mr. Wiscaver said the Authority is now using a local firm, Chatter, to help with their online presence.

There is no action needed on this item.

#### **4. Fuel and Long-Range Planning Committee:**

Director Meyers said the committee met right after last month's Board of Directors Meeting on September 13, 2023. They briefly discussed gas supply options for GREC Unit 4. He stated they will have an Executive Session item that will address this later in the meeting.

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#### **6. Proposed Executive Sessions:**

- a. Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(C)(11) for the Purpose of Conferring on Matters Pertaining to Economic Development, the Public Disclosure of Which Would Interfere with the Development of Services and Would Violate the Confidentiality of the Business.**
- b. Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to 82 O. S. § 862.1(2)(a) for the Purpose of Confidential Communications Between GRDA and Its Attorneys Concerning Coal or Gas Fuel Supply and Transportation Contracts, Which are Exempt from the Provisions of the Open Meetings Act.**
- c. Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B(4) for the Purpose of Confidential Communications Between GRDA and its Attorneys Concerning a Claim Involving Ron Martin, d/b/a Lake Hudson Marina Which GRDA has Determined with the Advice of its Attorneys that Disclosure of Such Communications Will Seriously Impair the Ability of the GRDA to Conduct the Litigation in the Public Interest.**

Director Matthews moved to go into executive session at 11:39 a.m., seconded by Director Meyers, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

Director Elam moved to return to regular session at 1:11 p.m., seconded by Director Kimball, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

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**7. Action on Executive Session Items:**

- a. Action, as Necessary, on Matters Pertaining to Economic Development.**
- b. Action, as Necessary, on Matters Concerning Coal or Gas Fuel Supply and Transportation Contracts.**
- c. Action, as Necessary, on Matters Concerning a Claim Involving Ron Martin, d/b/a Lake Hudson Marina.**

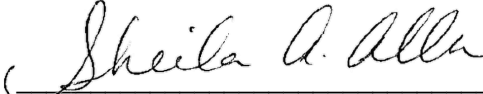
**Regarding item a**, there is no action needed on this item.

**Regarding item b**, Director Matthews moved approval of the two firm transportation agreements to provide for the delivery of natural gas to the proposed GREC Unit 4, as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Director Elam, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item c**, Director Sublett moved approval of action as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Director Matthews, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

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Director Kimball moved for adjournment at 1:12 p.m., seconded by Director Matthews, and voted upon as follows: Elam, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

  
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Sheila A. Allen, Secretary

DATE APPROVED:

November 8, 2023  
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