

**Minutes of Regular Meeting  
Grand River Dam Authority  
Board of Directors  
February 12, 2025**

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 February 12, 2025. 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 14, 2024 at 3:15 p.m.; by posting the agenda with the Mayes County Clerks' offices on February 11, 2025, at 9:27 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.

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Chair Meyers called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The Secretary called the roll. All members were present. Chair Meyers declared a quorum.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Daniel S. Sullivan, Chief Executive Officer	Absent
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	Absent
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	Present
Jeff Tullis, VP – Transmission, Distribution & Engineering	Present

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**Election of Officers**

**a. Nominations for Treasurer**

**b. Election of Treasurer**

**c. Nominations for Secretary**

**d. Election of Secretary**

**e. Nominations for Secretary Pro Tem**

**f. Election of Secretary Pro Tem**

Chair Meyers declared nominations for Treasurer, Secretary, and Secretary Pro Tem open.

**Regarding items a and b**, Director Kimball moved to nominate Erik Feighner as Treasurer, seconded by Director Rupe. There being no other nominations, the nomination was voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained)*.

**Regarding items c and d**, Director Kimball moved to nominate Sheila Allen as Secretary, seconded by Director Matthews. There being no other nominations, the nomination was voted on as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained)*.

**Regarding items e and f**, Director Kimball moved to nominate Susan Peth as Secretary Pro Tem, seconded by Director Sublett. There being no other nominations, the nomination was voted on as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained)*.

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**4. New Business**

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

Number	D365 Project	Funding Source	Title	Gross Work Order Amount	Reimbursement	Net GRDA Cost
RF025-01371	P004814	REVENUE	Herron Substation Terminal Addition	\$ 2,746,803	\$ (2,197,442)	\$ 549,361
RF025-01370	P004813	REVENUE	West Main Substation Terminal Addition	1,950,989	(1,560,791)	390,198
RF025-01369	P004812	REVENUE	West Main to Herron 161kV Transmission Line	4,634,622	(3,707,698)	926,924
RF025-01367	P004811	REVENUE	Pensacola Generation Breaker Replacement	2,164,526	-	2,164,526
RF025-01366	2138701	REVENUE	GREC3 Redundant Casing Cooling System	875,804	-	875,804
RF025-01361	P004662-01	REVENUE	Tonnece 69kV Terminal Addition	519,230	(519,230)	-
<b>Grand Total Work Orders</b>				<b>\$ 12,891,974</b>	<b>\$(7,985,161)</b>	<b>\$4,906,813</b>

Mr. Brown explained the items contained in the Capital Work Order Report.

There were no questions from the Board.

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

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 4. New Business:

- b. **Resolutions of Commendation**
  - 1) **Kenneth K. Kvittum**
  - 2) **Timothy D. Davenport**
- c. **Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Termination of Revocable License to Encroach Issued to Daniel J. Stefanoff in Delaware County, Oklahoma**
- d. **Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Assignment and Amendment of Lease from Cowboy Marina Management, LLC, d/b/a Indian Hills Marina and RV Park to Indian Hills Marina, LLC for Property Located in Delaware County, Oklahoma**
- e. **Consideration, Discussion, and Ratification of the January 31, 2025, Notice of Non- Renewal of the Second Amended and Restated Task Order 2 for Excess ARR/TCR (Auction Revenue Rights/Transmission Congestion Rights) Optimization Service with The Energy Authority**
- f. **Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding the Radio Tower License Agreement with Adair County Firefighters Association**
- g. **Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Temporary Electric Service for Fortis Construction, Inc. – Temp to Permanent PRY9 Service for Meter I890Q**
- h. **Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Approval of Temporary Electric Service for Fortis Construction, Inc. – PRY9 Service for Meter I890S**
- i. **Declare Surplus and Not Necessary to the Business of the District:**

Description and/or Make of Item
Cisco Video Conference Unit
Dual Cisco Video Conference Unit
HP Server DL380 G9: Lot of 15
HP LTO-6 ULTRIUM 6250
RSA Auth MGR
NetApp

### 5. Reports:

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

Standard Purchase Orders & Contracts		
PO Number	Vendor Name and City State	Amount
PCPA-000753	GE VERNOVA / GE RENEWABLES - CHICAGO, IL	379,113.87
PCPA-015304	MITSUBISHI POWER, INC. - LAKE MARY, FL	178,012.13
PCPA-000759	JWS PROPERTIES DBA TAKE TEN COMMERCIAL TIRE - PONCA CITY, OK	200,000.00
PCPA-000776	MITSUBISHI POWER, INC. - LAKE MARY, FL	716,580.00
PCPA-000783	HICO HEAT TRANSFER, INC. - PRYOR, OK	283,400.02
PCPA-000785	PELCO STRUCTURAL LLC - CLAREMORE, OK	241,802.00

PCPA-000784	PRESIDIO NETWORKED SOLUTIONS GROUP LLC - RESTON, VA	499,421.27
PCPA-000786	CHICKASAW TELECOM, INC. - OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	150,891.09
PCPA-000781	WILLIAMS CONSTRUCTION CO. - PRYOR, OK	174,036.00
PCPA-000780	TANK & FUEL SOLUTIONS LLC - CLAREMORE, OK	75,000.00
PCPA-000717	PREMIER TRUCK GROUP OF TULSA - TULSA, OK	165,503.00
PCPA-000779	INDUSTRIAL TRUCK EQUIPMENT - OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	56,754.16
		<b>\$3,120,513.54</b>

<b>Change Orders &amp; Renewals</b>		
<b>PO Number</b>	<b>Vendor Name and City State</b>	<b>Amount</b>
PCPA-000220	TYNDAL ENTERPRISES, INC. - PIPERSVILLE, PA	0.00
PCPA-000587	TS CONDUCTOR CORP. - HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	213.30
PCPA-000655	MITSUBISHI POWER, INC. - LAKE MARY, FL	-142,344.81
PCPA-000683	GOLDNER DOCK CONSTRUCTION, LLC - GROVE, OK	0.00
PCPA-000244	EMERSON PROCESS MANAGEMENT POWER & WATER SOLUTIONS, INC. - CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA	370,542.00
PCPA-000490	VALMONT SUBSTATIONS - KANSAS CITY, MO	-4,616.40
PCPA-000342	NAES CORPORATION - ISSAQUAH, WA	250,000.00
43457	SALTUS TECHNOLOGIES - TULSA, OK	14,820.00
42920	GUY ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC. - TULSA, OK	0.00
PCPA-000696	MAGNUM CONSTRUCTION, INC. - BROKEN ARROW, OK	243,428.00
41784	POWER COSTS, INC. - NORMAN, OK	76,242.00
		<b>\$808,284.09</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$3,928,797.63</b>

Chair Meyers reviewed items on the Consent Agenda.

There were no questions from the Board.

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 1. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025.

Director Sublett moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025, as presented, seconded by Director Matthews, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, abstain, Kimball, yes, Matthews, yes, Meyers, yes, Rupe, abstain, Sublett, yes, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (5-yes, 0-no, 2-abstained).*

### 3. Unfinished Business:

#### a. Progress Reports:

#### 1) Current Operations Reports

#### a) GRDA Monthly Video Update – February 2025

- *Preparing for Extreme Weather*

Mr. Reese explained data shown as to GRDA's Demand and Energy for Load Following, comparing information for 2024 and 2025 for GRDA's Full Requirements Customers for the month of January. He said their retail industrial load increased by 13 percent in both demand and energy consumption year over year. However, the retail commercial load is down slightly due to changes in the MidAmerica Industrial Park. There was a five percent increase in demand and a seven percent increase in energy, year over year. Mr. Reese showed graphs illustrating a comparison of resource energy production for January 2024 and 2025, noting the Grand River Energy Center has generated more energy overall, with both units performing better than this time last year. Hydro production was significantly lower, due to outages at the Salina Pumped Storage Project.

The Authority is currently at fifty-one days working injury-free, and twenty-one days without property damage.

At the end of the year, GRDA provided a \$17,500 grant to the City of Stillwater for playground equipment at Myers Park, part of a broader community sponsorship program funded at \$25,000 per community each year. This funding goes toward community needs. Ms. Shannon Randolph with GRDA manages this program effectively to ensure the money benefits the communities properly. Quarterly reports are available for more details on these expenditures.

In support of local education, the Authority donated a 42-foot single-man bucket truck, wooden poles, and switchgear to the OSU IT High-Voltage Line Technician Program, which is crucial for producing skilled workers for the area. GRDA's David Heffner serves on the advisory group for this program.

On January 14, 2025, GRDA welcomed a group from Paragould, Arkansas. Visitors included their Chief Human Resources Officer, Municipal Utilities Marketing Director, and the Chamber of Commerce Director of Economic Development. He showed photographs of the group and said this marks a rare visit to GRDA facilities. Looking ahead, Mr. Reese stated they will soon be welcoming new leaders from Sallisaw, Cushing, and Coffeyville, Kansas, on January 27 to discuss business affairs and take a tour.

Mr. Reese asked Mrs. Hunter to provide a brief update on the Safety Forums and WorkDay program implementation for the Board.

Mrs. Hunter said from January 14 to 16, 2025, GRDA hosted safety forums for employees. Mr. Sullivan kicked off the forums each day, providing a legislative update and progress report on the GREC Unit No. 4 project, and they discussed the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) and future projects coming to GRDA's generation portfolio. She told the Board they discussed trends and anticipated challenges in their environment, to allow them to address safety concerns proactively. Fleet Manager Scott Plowman was introduced during the forums, giving a 2024 fleet incident summary. Safety Director Mike Vernnon and Senior Health & Safety Specialist Orlando Jones both covered a variety of topics as well, including ergonomics, the 7 Causes of Accidents and an emphasis everyone's responsibility concerning Stop Work Authority. Regarding the WorkDay system, the team is working hard to actively test and prepare for parallel payroll testing, which is the final step before the expected "go-live" on April 1, 2025. The only issue that could prevent the launch is the ability to pay employees. Mrs. Hunter stated they should have more updates to share at the board meeting next month, depending on the progress of the payroll testing.

On January 17, GRDA Police responded to a call that a subject that had fallen eighty feet from the Big Cabin Creek bridge in Craig County, Oklahoma. GRDA officers, along with other agencies, conducted a high-angle ropes rescue. Following the successful rescue, the subject was transferred to the hospital for treatment. Mr. Reese thanked all of the involved agencies. Without these partnerships, GRDA Police would not have been able to safely, efficiently and effectively complete the extremely dangerous rescue.

Mr. Reese told the Board GRDA Police participated in the Tulsa Boat Expo, the Tulsa Boat, Sport & Travel Show and will also participate at the upcoming Oklahoma Tackle, Hunting & Boat Show in Pryor later this week. During these types of events, officers share crucial water safety information for individuals planning trips to the water. They also continue to emphasize the importance of wearing a life jacket whenever individuals are in or on the water. Officers also provided information on Grand Lake, Lake Hudson, the Illinois River and the WOKA Whitewater Park.

Mr. Reese introduced the video Preparing for Extreme Weather.

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

##### **j. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) of \$ 0.02300 per kWh for March 2025**

Mr. Feighner presented tables showing the PCA calculations based on the staff's forecast for March 2025, and explained the details. All figures are assumptions based on the information they have from historical data. He 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, explain the various factors influencing calculations. Mr. Feighner presented another graph showing Henry Hub Natural Gas Futures – Settlements and a slide illustrating 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. Feighner presented a chart illustrating a comparison of the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) South Hub on-peak amounts against the forward curves for Nymex. He also showed a graph comparing January and February rate calculations, saying while the PCA is currently stable it is projected to gradually rise towards the \$30 range as gas prices normalize.

There were no questions from the Board.

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

##### **k. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding a Contract with Williams Construction Co. – RFP 6351 – Construction of Drilled Pier Foundations in Support of the Pensacola GSU Fire Barrier Installation**

Mr. Kroll said their team has an ongoing project at the Pensacola Substation, linked to Pensacola Generation, aimed at updating and modernizing equipment. The project involves replacing all protective relaying, installing a new control building, replacing outdated circuit breakers, and adding fire barriers between the sets of transformers. He stated there are six generating units and transformers at the Pensacola site and provided diagrams, maps and additional information for the Board on specifications. The relevant fire protection standards for high voltage substations and generating stations are IEEE Standard 979 and NFPA 850. Both standards recommend keeping oil-filled power equipment spaced far apart to prevent explosions from causing cascading failures. They also provide recommendations for installing barriers, if equipment cannot be spaced sufficiently apart. The Pensacola station was built before these standards were established in the 1940s and has not been modernized to meet these standards. GRDA's insurance provider noted this issue and instructed the Authority to address it by moving the transformers further apart and or adding barriers. However, due to physical constraints on the site, the transformers cannot be moved, as they are less than twenty-five feet apart. Therefore, the staff is planning to install fire barriers, and these have already been purchased and are being stored on-site. The foundation needed for these barriers is more substantial than what their in-house crew can provide, requiring piers that are 3'6" in diameter and 13' deep. The staff is recommending contracting this foundation work and has obtained bids from two organizations, Hahn & Smith, LLC, and Williams Construction Co. GRDA's engineering group evaluated the bids and found that both bidders provided all required documentation, were adequately qualified and quoted acceptable construction practices. Therefore, the staff is recommending proceeding with Williams Construction Co. as the low bidder. Mr. Kroll said they maintain spares for the units, but only one spare for each type. In case of cascading failures, the Authority could restore only one unit at a time until more spares are ordered. The installed barriers will help mitigate this

risk. The wiring that connects the transformers must be managed without disruption during installation. The overhead wiring is routed eastward, ensuring access. The barrier system that has been purchased fits within the planned installation area. The foundation work will be handled separately, and once that is done, GRDA crews can lift the barriers into place. The barriers are made from a combination of steel and ceramic, providing a two-hour fire rating while remaining relatively lightweight.

Discussion ensued regarding the position and the need for the foundation to be substantial due to the barriers' width. Further discussion was around the installation occurring during outage and the number of barriers being installed, as well as the cost of each. There are a total of five barriers to be installed separating six total transformers. The overall cost for the barriers is approximately \$80,000.00, with an additional \$40,000.00 estimated per foundation pier for a total of ten piers required. Questions about the costs and airflow restrictions on the transformers were addressed, confirming that while the installation may somewhat degrade airflow, it is manageable.

Director Rupe moved to award RFP-6351 to Williams Construction Co. for the total cost of \$410,437.00, seconded by Director Westbrook, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, yes, Kimball, yes, Matthews, abstain, Meyers, yes, Rupe, yes, Sublett, yes, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (6-yes, 0-no, 1-abstained).*

#### **l. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding a Contract with Pelco Structural LLC – RFQ 2252 – Purchase of Steel Structures for Construction of West Main to Herron 161 kV Transmission Line**

Mr. Woodward said, in order to serve the projected load increases at Herron 161kV delivery substation, GRDA transmission planning studied multiple solutions. The timeliest and most cost-effective remediation is to construct a new 161kV transmission line connecting the West Main and Herron substations. The project is reimbursable and will provide additional capacity for the customer and will provide operational flexibility and improved reliability for GRDA. He showed a map of the property in question, and said the existing line will cut and be redirected to the South Side of Main Street with the MidAmerican Industrial Park. This is routed to the existing terminal at West Main. The existing line west of Herron on the north side of Main Street will be re-terminated, and line terminals will be created at Herron and West Main Substations. GRDA submitted requests for bids for steel transmission structures on January 10, 2025, with bids due on January 31, 2025. They received eight bids from various vendors for the steel transmission structures. GRDA's engineering group evaluated the bids and made a recommendation to award the contract to Pelco Structural through EHV Solutions, for a total cost of \$544,041.00 with a proposed lead time of 28 weeks that fits the Authority's timeline. It is anticipated that additional approvals will be needed for transmission line material (hardware, insulators, conductor etc.) around April or May, and approval for a construction contract is anticipated for October or November.

Discussion ensued regarding lead time and details around ordering materials, the eleven needed structures, the eighty percent reimbursement expected for the overall project, and how GRDA will be involved in the project.

Director Sublett moved to award RFQ 2252 to Pelco Structural for the total cost of \$544,041.00, seconded by Director Crisp, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

#### **m. GREC Unit No. 4 Project and Procurement Status Updates**

Mr. Ladd provided a schedule overview, including information regarding risk and opportunity and the critical paths. He stated that most items are on schedule, apart from the fuel gas building (due to a focus on Firewalls) and the heat exchangers that have been delayed by the vendor. He showed photographs of the combustion turbine and generator, and said they have both been delivered. Mr. Ladd commended Black & Veatch Engineering and all who were involved in the delivery. He showed a promotional video that included

both units sitting at the Port of Catoosa waiting for ground transport, then presented a map showing the route transportation personnel had to take to ensure the unit arrived without issue. Mr. Ladd commended Mr. Chris Haynes with Mitsubishi Power. He and representatives from the Union Pacific Railroad coordinated to ensure the units arrived on-time, even after numerous delays. He expressed his appreciation of the assistance and asked Mr. Haines to join him at the podium.

Mr. Haynes thanked Mr. Ladd and told the Board, between the four ports, six railways, four railcars, and roughly six hundred people globally, these units traveled nearly sixteen thousand miles to arrive in Chouteau, Oklahoma at the Grand River Energy Center. They started this process at the beginning of November 2024, aiming to finish before Christmas. He said the Port of Tusa did a fantastic job helping their personnel. They wanted to ensure public and cargo safety as the loaded items weighed about 1.5 million pounds. Mr. Haynes provided further details of the journey and expressed how grateful he is to everyone involved.

Mr. Ladd thanked Mr. Edwards for his GRDA Police officers' presence and assistance during transport as well. He said the construction team is doing a phenomenal job of keeping things moving safely and tracking the budget. The combustion turbine has now reached its final resting place, and the generator was set in the area before final placement. He showed an aerial view of the site and explained where all items were located. He stated the Board was going to be offered a tour of the site, but that would be postponed due to the current weather.

From a financial and a productivity performance perspective, the project has a healthy report. There are no real changes in the overall budget and committed costs have actually gone down from \$374.9 million to \$373.4 million. Costs incurred are continuing to increase as the team continues to receive invoices. Mr. Ladd said the contingency pool balance has decreased and all other areas are tracking acceptable.

There were no questions from the Board.

No action is required for this item.

**n. Recommendation for Acknowledgement of Change Order No. 3 to Contract PCPA - 000443 General Civil Construction for GREC Unit No. 4 Project and Reallocation of Contract Cost Reductions to the Contingency Allowance Budget**

Mr. Ladd provided background on this contract, saying they did award the contract to Crossland Construction Company, Inc. for general civil construction services for the GREC Unit No. 4 project. The contractor mobilized in May of 2024. He showed a summary to update the Board on all change orders and task authorizations executed thus far. He said the original contract value was approximately \$36 million, as shown in the table he presented. The table showed the original contingency allowance, current contract value, the change order amount, and the updated contract value of \$34,566,671.61. Mr. Ladd told the Board there has been a lot of activity in the contract and things have begun to align for a better design and better schedule to improve the overall outcome. He stated, leading up to the completion of the change order, they saw the original contract value would be reduced and what that may look like. The staff is asking the Board to acknowledge another reduction in the overall contract value but then shifting that approval over to the contingency allowance.

There were no questions from the Board.

Director Matthews moved the contract value for Contract PCPA-000443 for General Civil Construction for GREC Unit No. 4 with Crossland Construction Company, Inc. be reduced to reflect Change Order No. 3 and all prior actions to the amount of \$34,566,671.61; and the Board approve the contingency allowance budget to be proportionally increased to \$5,204,171.10 which shall be managed by GRDA's Designated



Representative, seconded by Director Sublett, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**o. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Ratification of Contract PCPA-000753 and Change Order No. 1 for Shaft Oil Leak Repair Services (Kerr Unit No. 3) – GE Renewables US, LLC**

Mr. Ladd provided background information on the Kerr Dam Unit No. 3 issues. He said the unit entered into a forced outage on December 3, 2024, with a significant internal oil leak. There was risk of machinery damage with continued operation. Contract PCPA-000753 provides for OEM mechanical engineering and support services. The contractor would perform the discovery and repair of the oil leak. The primary purpose of this site mobilization is to locate the source of the leak and perform the effective repair, including partial disassembly. The estimated price of the initial contract was \$379,113.87 and would be on a time and material basis. Mobilization began on January 13, 2025. Mr. Ladd showed a diagram of the unit, multiple photographs of the teardown activities, and explained what had happened to this very complex machinery. He said they began work in January and have been working tirelessly to find the leak in the unit. Mr. Ladd explained the difficulties they have had with disassembly, particularly with the large bolts that have become seized to the extent that, even when the nuts removed, they could not get them out. He said this puts the team in a position to have to decide whether to begin a destructive measure and remanufacture the bolts, buy new bolts or source them from another location. Even after cutting the heads of the bolts off and applying a high amount of heat and pressure, they still would not move. Mr. Ladd said, as of today they have exhausted their resources and are bringing in machinery to machine out every bolt. He told the Board the initial contract value was \$367,000, and a change order was issued for an additional \$1.2 million on a time and materials basis, explaining how the contract is structured and providing more detail on what Change Order No. 1 would cover.

Discussion ensued regarding options, necessity, loss of revenue from the outage, and budget. Mr. Ladd and Mr. Jacoby explained some of their theories on how this could have happened, and that spares of the bolts will be purchased for any future issues to mitigate loss of time.

Director Matthews left the room at 11:19 a.m., returning at 11:20 a.m., after the vote.

Director Westbrook moved that Contract PCPA-000753 and its Change Order No. 1 with GE Renewables US, LLC for Shaft Oil Leak Repair Services for Kerr Unit No. 3 be ratified, in the aggregate Contract value of \$1,601,127.91 and actual costs shall be billed on a time and material basis, seconded by Director Kimball, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**p. Consideration, Discussion, and Possible Action Regarding Contract PCPA-000772 – Professional Engineering Services for the Salina Pumped Storage Project Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Comprehensive Assessment - Schnabel Engineering, LLC**

Director Kimball left the room at 11:23 a.m., returning at 11:24 a.m.

Mr. Jacoby provided background and updates for the Board on the FERC requirements for dam safety inspection processes. He said GRDA is licensed under FERC for their hydropower projects and must meet specific requirements, including a five-year inspection. The Authority has some discretion regarding how much is spent on these inspections and how to complete them. FERC has updated its criteria from what has been historically a standards-based analysis and compliance process of calculating factors of safety based on asssed loads and compliance inspections based on reviews of expected outcomes from those standards-based analyses. Over the last 25 years, FERC has been moving towards risk-based

management, requiring GRDA to consider worst-case scenarios and look for potential flaws that exceed standards-based design considerations. This process is time-consuming and involves extensive meetings. The team started their first inspection on the Pensacola Project about a year ago, which has faced delays and ongoing meetings. Typically, the five-year inspections that require a team of two to four people cost around \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Cost for the multilayer Comprehensive Assessment expertise, conditions evaluations, risk evaluations, brainstorming and documentation are expected to be in the realm of \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00, the level of effort being dependent upon project complexity and associated areas of expertise and evaluation required. The assessment process provides a very thorough re-assessment of the project features but at a cost of dollars and staff allocation. For the Salina Pumped Storage Project, the GRDA staff sought proposals from qualified professionals for the Comprehensive Assessment and Risk Assessment. From the three qualification statements, we selected the team from Schnabel Engineering, LLC for their competency and multiple assessments of their proposed facilitator. After screening we requested a detailed approach, scope and fee proposal. Initially, their proposal seemed too high but, after negotiations, cost was reduced from \$785,000.00 to \$524,500.00 on a not-to-exceed basis. Mr. Jacoby said the key component to minimizing the potential cost is facilitation of the review through planning and the skills of the facilitator.

Discussion ensued concerning process and costs. Mr. Jacoby said they are optimistic about the outcomes and feel more confident given their past experience. He stated the review process remains every five years but alternates between a conventional inspection and an independent consultant inspection.

Director Kimball moved to approve Contract PCPA-000772, Professional Engineering Services for the Salina Pumped Storage Project Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Comprehensive Assessment to Schnabel Engineering, LLC for the maximum not-to-exceed fee of \$524,500.00, seconded by Director Matthews, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**q. 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, and no action is required for this item.

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**5. Reports**

**a. Board of Directors Committee Reports**

**1. Assets Committee:**

- a) Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of a Request by Scissortail Marina, LLC for Approval of a Commercial Permit Application for a Facility Located in Delaware County, Oklahoma.**
- b) Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of a Request by Scissortail Marina, LLC for a Lease of GRDA Property Located in Delaware County, Oklahoma.**
- c) Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of a Request by St. James Club for Approval of a Commercial Permit Application for a Facility Located in Delaware County, Oklahoma**

- d) **Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of a Request by Seneca Cayuga Nation d/b/a Flint Fire Marina for an Extension of a Commercial Permit.**
- e) **Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of a Request by SSS 20 LLC for a Lease of GRDA Property Located in Mayes County, Oklahoma.**
- f) **Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of Request by Rural Water District #9, Wagoner County for a Raw Water Contract Located on Fort Gibson in Wagoner County, Oklahoma.**
- g) **Consideration, Discussion and Possible Approval of 2025 GRDA Scenic Rivers Operations New Commercial Flotation Device License Applications**

Chair Westbrook said the committee met this morning. He stated all items were approved unanimously by the committee members and briefly explained what each of the items entailed. He asked if there were questions or comments on these items.

There were no questions from the Board.

**Regarding item a,** Director Westbrook moved to approve the commercial application for Scissortail Marina, LLC, as it exists with 8 docks and 58 boat slips and 3 PWC's and to waive the 1/3 of the cove rule for Dock B and Dock C, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item b,** Director Westbrook moved to approve a lease to Scissortail Marina, LLC for the amount of \$107.00 per year in Delaware County, Oklahoma, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item c,** Director Westbrook moved to approve the Application of St. James Club HOA as submitted which includes: the addition of 3 slips and the relocation of 9 PWC's on Dock B, the addition of 2 slips to Dock E, shifting the position of the breakwater and a waiver of the 1/3 cove rule for Dock B, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item d,** Director Westbrook moved to approve granting Seneca-Cayuga Nation, d/b/a Flint Fire Marina, an extension until December 31, 2027, to complete previously approved modifications to the marina, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item e,** Director Westbrook moved to amend the current lease to SSS 20 LLC for lease payments in the amount of \$865.00 per month and for an extension of one year to connect to city utilities, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item f,** Director Westbrook moved to approve a 45-year water contract to Rural Water District #9 Wagoner County, Oklahoma, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item g,** Director Westbrook moved to authorize GRDA Scenic Rivers Operations to issue 3,823 Commercial Flotation Device Licenses as listed below, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

- Fidler's Bend Outdoor Adventure 16 Licenses – CFA 1
- Flint Ridge P.O.A. 46 Licenses – CFA 1

- Gypsy Camp & Canoe 41 Licenses – CFA 1
- Highwater Camp 17 Licenses – CFA 1
- Illinois River RV Campground & Float 42 Licenses – CFA 1
- Illinois River Yacht Club 21 Licenses – CFA 1
- Lazy River Campground 26 Licenses – CFA 1
- Arrowhead Resort 381 Licenses – CFA 2
- Diamondhead Resort 516 Licenses – CFA 1 & 2
- Hanging Rock Camp 141 Licenses – CFA 1 & 2
- Riverbend Floats 372 Licenses – CFA 3
- Riverside Camp 150 Licenses – CFA 2
- Eagle Bluff Resort 319 Licenses – CFA 2
- Peyton's Place Resort 436 Licenses – CFA 2
- War Eagle Resort 709 Licenses – CFA 2 & 3
- All American 111 Licenses – CFA 3
- Falcon Floats 200 Licenses – CFA 3
- Echota Village 39 Licenses – CFA 3
- Illinois River Outfitters 90 Licenses – CFA 3
- Sparrow Hawk Recreation 90 Licenses – CFA 3
- Town Branch Guest Ranch 60 Licenses – CFA 3

**Regarding item g,** Director Westbrook also moved to authorize GRDA Scenic Rivers Operations to issue 72 Commercial Flotation Licenses as listed below, with random draws for the remaining 5 licenses, as approved by the Assets Committee, and the items were voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

- Fidler's Bend Outdoor Adventure, LLC Shane Fidler 6 CFA 1
- Highwater Camp Joshua Dart 6 CFA 1
- Illinois River RV Campground & Float Russell Taylor 6 CFA 1
- Eagle Bluff Resort Seth Hensarling 6 CFA 2
- Hanging Rock Camp Marcus Olive 6CFA 2
- Peyton's Place Resort Trey Peyton 6 CFA 2
- War Eagle Resort Pam Hazen 6 CFA 2
- Illinois River Outfitters Bryce Huard 3 CFA 2/ 3 CFA 3
- Echota Village UKB Tribe 3 CFA 3
- All American Cody Bartmess 3 CFA 3
- Falcon Floats Cody Bartmess 3 CFA 3
- Diamondhead Resort UKB Tribe 3CFA 2
- Rivercane Resort Nic Heidinger 6 CFA 3
- Riverbend Floats Bear Frank 6 CFA 3

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

### **a) Second Reading of Board Policy No. 5-3 – Security Deposit Requirements for Industrial and Commercial Customers**

Director Sublett said the only item coming to the Board today for approval is a routine administrative matter concerning Board Policy No. 5-3 that will require action today. He asked Mr. Feighner to quickly remind the Board of the details.

**Regarding item a,** Mr. Feighner reviewed Board Policy 5-3 related to Security Deposit Requirements. He said last year, in November and December, the Risk Oversight Committee reviewed the Authority's policy and approved some changes. The two main changes were to add the cost to extend service to the

calculation of the required security deposit, and to change the required Utility Bond or Letter of Credit calculation to be based on three months of the highest expected monthly bill, versus three months of the highest proceeding twelve months. Mr. Feighner explained this is the policy was included in the Board's information prior to the meeting, and will require action today.

There were no questions from the Board.

Director Sublett moved to approve changes to Board Policy No. 5-3 Security Deposit Requirements for Industrial and Commercial Customers as presented, as approved by the committee, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

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

#### **a) 2024 Marketing Campaign Update**

Director Kimball said the committee would table this item on the agenda. They intend to discuss this at the next Board of Directors' Meeting in March.

- 4. Fuel and Long-Range Planning Committee:** Chair Meyers said they did meet recently to discuss some Southwest Power Pool interconnection requests, but the details are confidential and will be taken up in Executive Session.

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

- a. Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for the Purpose of Confidential Communications Between GRDA and Its Attorneys Concerning the Pending Investigation, Claim, or Action, Related to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 1494, Which GRDA has Determined, with the Advice of Its Attorneys, that Disclosure of Such Communication Would Seriously Impair the Ability of the GRDA to Process the Pending Investigation, Claim, or Action in the Public Interest.**
- b. Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for the Purpose of Confidential Communications Between GRDA and Its Attorneys Concerning City of Miami et al. vs. Grand River Dam Authority, District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, Case No. CJ-2008- 619.**
- c. Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for the Purpose of Confidential Communications Between Grand River Dam Authority and Its Attorneys Concerning Grand River Dam Authority v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Case No. 24-1071.**
- d. Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(3) for the Purpose of Discussing the Purchase or Appraisal of Real Properties in Nowata County, Oklahoma.**
- e. 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.**

- f. **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.**
- g. **Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for the Purpose of Confidential Communications Between GRDA and Its Attorneys Concerning the Pending Investigation, Claim, or Action, Related to Dripping Springs Yacht Club, L.L.C. and the Estate of Harold S. Cole, Which GRDA has Determined, with the Advice of Its Attorneys, that Disclosure of Such Communication Would Seriously Impair the Ability of the GRDA to Process the Pending Investigation, Claim, or Action in the Public Interest.**
- h. **Proposed Executive Session Pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(4) for the Purpose of Confidential Communications Between GRDA and Its Attorneys Concerning Theresa Marie Sanders, et al. v. Grand River Dam Authority, United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Case No. 24-CV-258-MTS.**

Director Westbrook moved to go into executive session at 11:34 a.m., seconded by Director Kimball, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

Director Westbrook moved to return to regular session at 2:15 p.m., seconded by Director Sublett, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, 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, Concerning the Pending Investigation, Claim, or Action, Related to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 1494.**
- b. **Action, as Necessary, Concerning the City of Miami et al. vs. Grand River Dam Authority, District Court of Ottawa County, Oklahoma, Case No. CJ-2008-619.**
- c. **Action, as Necessary, Concerning Grand River Dam Authority v. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, Case No. 24-1071.**
- d. **Action, as Necessary, Concerning the Purchase or Appraisal of Real Properties in Nowata County, Oklahoma.**
- e. **Action, as Necessary, Concerning Matters Pertaining to Economic Development.**
- f. **Action, as Necessary, Concerning Matters Pertaining to Economic Development.**

- g. Action, as Necessary, Concerning the Pending Investigation, Claim, or Action, Related to Dripping Springs Yacht Club, L.L.C. and the Estate of Harold S. Cole.**
- h. Action, as Necessary, Concerning Theresa Marie Sanders, et al. v. Grand River Dam Authority, United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma, Case No. 24- CV-258-MTS.**

**Regarding item a,** there is no action required.

**Regarding item b,** there is no action required.

**Regarding item c,** there is no action required.

**Regarding item d,** there is no action required.

**Regarding item e,** Director Kimball moved to approve the agreement as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Director Rupe, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (6-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

Director Matthews left the room at 2:15 p.m., returning at 2:16 p.m., and was absent for the vote.

**Regarding item f,** Director Rupe moved to approve the agreement as discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Director Sublett, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item g,** Director Kimball moved to authorize filing suit against Dripping Springs Yacht Club, L.L.C. and Sherman Cole, Personal Representative of the Estate of Harold S. Cole, seconded by Director Sublett, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, Kimball, Matthews, Meyers, Rupe, Sublett, Westbrook, yes. *Motion passed (7-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained).*

**Regarding item h,** there is no action required.

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Director Sublett moved for adjournment at 2:17 p.m., seconded by Director Matthews, and voted upon as follows: Crisp, 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:

March 12, 2025  
GRDA Board of Directors