

## MINUTES of the Special Called Board Meeting

December 21, 2020 via ZOOM @ 6:30

Attendees: J Robbins, R Henricksen, J Hudson, R Raetsch, M Campbell Jones, B Hammond, A Taylor, M Meskill, S Burton, S Fitzgerald, T Bays, M Earl, P Bluntzer, C Sellers, E Thedford, G Love

Steve Parker, Seguin City Manager, and Monica Napier Carter, newly elected City Council Representative for our area, met with GBRA on 12/17/2020 and reported the following to our Special Committee (Robbins, Meskill, Taylor, Raetzsch, Hudson) on 12/18/2020:

- The good news is that GBRA is willing to transfer ownership of Nolte Dam (& possibly Nolte Island) to MLNDA
- Concerns that GBRA has:
  - Sutter lawsuit
  - GBRA is skeptical that our plan will work; they don't think our financial forecasts are accurate
- Parker said the City will help FACILITATE the negotiations w/ GBRA & MLNDA, but will not be an advocate for us. While we prefer that the City takes a more aggressive position on our side, we do greatly appreciate Parker's willingness to facilitate a relationship & action with GBRA.
- GBRA does not agree with our Revenue source projections regarding (a) Nolte Island (due to flood risk & sewer lines that are needed) and (b) our Electric Power forecast (with GVEC).
- GBRA does not agree with our Maintenance Cost projections for a Hydro System.

Board discussion centered on what OUR FOCUS should be, which is funding the Engineering Study to lock down the financial figures. Steps include:

- Finding out if GVEC will give us the same contract for Hydro as they've given GBRA
- Finalize a well-defined scope with a narrow focus to determine the COST of the study
- Fund the study through member & community fundraising
- Conduct the study
- Finalize the financial numbers

There was discussion regarding "what if" the Study projects figures that show we cannot afford replacement because of the low tax base along Meadow? Is hinge replacement an option?

Because of the holidays we will put further action on hold until January, but the plan is to give the names & contact info of the Freese & Nichols engineers that J Robbins has already contacted to S Parker. Parker will then seek permission from GBRA for access to the Dam for the study.