



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 14, 2016

REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING:

1. Call to Order.

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust convened with President Trent Lewis presiding at 8:40 AM on Thursday, April 14, 2016, in the Board Room of Upper Trinity Regional Water District at 900 N. Kealy, Lewisville, Texas.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum.

The attendance of the Trustees was taken. A quorum was present for the meeting.

Trustees in Attendance:

Trent Lewis, Place 7, President
Janet Aune, Place 2, Secretary/Treasurer
Leslie Maynard, Place 3
Robert Harpool, Place 5
Lyle Drescher, Place 9

Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President
Shirley Haisler, Place 1
Doug Franklin, Place 4
Ken Dickson, Place 8

Trustees Absent:

None

Others in Attendance:

Tom Wishard, Ladonia

Staff & Advisors of Upper Trinity Regional Water District in Attendance:

Thomas E. Taylor, Executive Director
Jason Pierce, Manager / Watershed & Contract Services
Blake Alldredge, Water Resource Specialist
Brenda Scott, Assistant Secretary

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Pledge: Jason Pierce

Invocation: Leslie Maynard

4. Adopt minutes of January 14, 2016 Trust Board Meeting.

Shirley Haisler made a motion to approve the January 14, 2016 minutes as written. Seconded by Thomas Muir. The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

President Lewis asked Mr. Franklin to introduce Mr. Wishard. Mr. Tom Wishard is from Fannin County and lives in the Oakridge community. He is a retired dairy farmer, and previously served about 20 years as the Fannin County Farm Bureau Insurance Agent. He knows the people and the land in this area, and will be filling in for Doug at UTRWD while he is out having knee surgery.

5. Receive Report from Staff concerning on-going activities of the Trust.

Briefed by Jason Pierce.

- The Trust has been asked to make a presentation at the regional Southwest Stream Restoration Conference in San Antonio in June, being put on by the Texas Water Resources Institute, the Oklahoma State Extension and other contributors, as it relates to the Greenbelt Plan. People are interested as to the efforts that the Trust, the District and the County are making in preparing the Greenbelt Plan. Staff will update the Board at its next meeting.

6. Review the draft Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan and discuss timeline to completion.

Briefed by Thomas Taylor.

- Mr. Taylor indicated the draft Plan is progressing. Indicates it is a worthy first effort, and the Staff will be critiquing its draft. The next step will be to send the draft Plan to all the cities for their review and comment.

Jason Pierce and Blake Alldredge gave a more detailed presentation of the draft Plan. The final product will include story boards with graphic orientation and general information about the Plan - - that can be displayed in public areas.

A draft timeline for completing the Plan was discussed with the Board.

7. Discuss progress concerning activities and goals in Trust's Annual Work Program Guidelines.

A. Discuss the current findings and opportunities for the Trust to become involved in mitigation banking.

Staff has researched into mitigation banking and in-lieu type programs. The North Central Texas Council of Governments had a meeting earlier this month with the major water providers. They are looking at some type of regional mitigation type banking - - considering ideas to see if there is interest. They have some funding available for some restorative work, but it is timely. Staff will continue its research into these two topics. The Corps typically favors mitigation banking instead of in-lieu fees because there are identified projects and the restorative work has mostly been completed. Staff feels that an in-lieu program would fit the Trust best once easements are acquired.

8. Review agenda items, activities and announcements for future Board meetings.

- Final review of Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan for Denton County.

9. Confirm date, time and location of next meeting.

Staff recommended holding the next meeting on July 14, 2016, to coincide with the final draft of the Greenbelt Plan.

10. Visitor Comments.

None.

11. Adjournment.


Leslie Maynard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lyle Dresher. The votes were all yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

Recorded By:



Brenda Scott, Manager / Watershed & Contract Services
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Certified By:



Dr. Janet Aune, Secretary / Treasurer
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust