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UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 11, 2013

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 8:35 AM on Thursday, April 11, 2013, 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	Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President
Janet Aune, Place 2, Secretary/Treasurer	Shirley Haisler, Place 1
Doug Franklin, Place 4	Robert Harpool, Place 5
Lyle Dresher, Place 9	

Trustees Absent:

Bruce Arledge, Place 3	Ken Dickson, Place 8
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Staff & Advisors of Upper Trinity Regional Water District in Attendance:

Jason Pierce, Manager / Watershed & Contract Services
Nancy Tam, Assistant to Executive Director
Brenda Scott, Sr. Executive Secretary
Erin Blackman, Public Information Coordinator

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

President Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the Invocation.

4. Adopt minutes of February 14, 2013 Trust Board Meeting.

Bob Harpool made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

President Lewis moved to Agenda Item No. 8.

8. Receive briefing from Mr. Kirk Evans regarding the on-going activities of Connemara Conservancy.

Mr. Kirk Evans, President of Connemara Conservancy, provided a briefing to the Board regarding Connemara and the Board's fund-raising efforts. He invited the Trust to partner with Connemara in a future fundraising event.

6. Consider appointment of Trustees to fill one vacancy and two expiring terms on the Board of Trustees.
 - Place 9 became vacant in May of 2012; and, is a direct appointment of the Trust Board. Mr. Lyle Dresher visited with the Board at the February meeting and expressed an interest in serving as a Trustee. He has an extensive background in working with landowners, developers, and municipalities.
 - At the end of May 2013, the terms for Place 3 (Trustee Arledge), Place 6 (Vice President Muir) and Place 7 (President Lewis) will expire. Place 3 is an appointment of the UTRWD Board; and, Places 6 and 7 are appointed by the Trust Board. Thomas Muir, Place 6 and Trent Lewis, Place 7, both stated their desire to be reappointed for another 3-year term.

Janet Aune made a motion to reappoint Thomas Muir (Place 6) and Trent Lewis (Place 7) to a 3-year term - - expiring May 31, 2016, and to appoint Lyle Dresher to serve the remaining term for Place 9, which expires May 31, 2015. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

7. Oath of Office for newly appointed Trustees.

President Lewis administered the Oath of Office for Thomas Muir (Place 6), and for Lyle Dresher, newly appointed Trustee for Place 9. Vice President Thomas Muir administered the Oath of Office for Trent Lewis (Place 7).

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

Staff provided the following report:

- Trust Audit: UTRWD provides accounting services and maintains the Trust's financial records. UTRWD'S FY2012 audit was completed in March 2012. The Trust's audit is part of UTRWD's and was included in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. A copy of the Trust's audited financials was distributed to the Trustees.
- Trustee Donations / Solicitations: Trustees were reminded about their annual contributions to the Trust. Trustees asked staff to send a reminder notice. After donations are received, staff will send a receipt for their records.
- Clyde Award: An award application to the North Central Texas Council of Governments was recently submitted - - Leadership and Development Excellence award, also known as the Clyde Award. This award is presented every two years, and there are different

categories. The Trust's application was submitted in the "Raising Public Awareness" category for last year's Conservation Development Symposium. Winners will be announced soon.

- Garden Expo: On April 27th, UTRWD is hosting a Water Wise Garden Expo in partnership with the City of Lewisville and Keep Lewisville Beautiful. There will be educational booths in the garden related to native and adaptive plants selection, rainwater harvesting, and composting. Tours of the garden will be available with Denton County Master Gardeners as docents. A "Get to Know your Irrigation System" class will be from 10:00 – 11:00 AM. The entire event will last from 9:00 AM to Noon on the 27th. Flyers about the event were distributed.

9. Receive report from Board Member and Staff regarding recent TLTC state-wide conference.

Dr. Janet Aune and Jason Pierce attended the state-wide annual TLTC Conference this year held in Austin the end of February and first of March. Both briefly provided a summary of the conference. Topics were varied, but included mitigation banking and conservation easement compliance. It is a good networking opportunity with other land trusts, associates and colleagues around the state.

10. Consider approval of invoice from Upper Trinity Regional Water District for reimbursement of prior costs incurred by Trust and authorize payment thereof.

A copy of Invoice No. W1304UTCT was included in the packet for review. Staff recommended approval.

Lyle Drescher made a motion to approve the invoice for payment. Seconded by Vice President Muir. The votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

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

- A. An Annual workshop / seminar focusing on protecting land and water resources - - similar to the Conservation Development Symposium - - was added to the Work Program Guidelines for 2013.

Discussion was held regarding the role Founding Partners (Alan Plummer & Associates, CH2M Hill and Freese & Nichols) should play, if any, in this workshop. In an earlier meeting, the Partners indicated they are very interested in participating and helping to organize an annual workshop.

Topics discussed included the audience being communities and local landowners. The focus of the general overview was "How does watershed protection add value or create value within that local community?" They were also interested in some kind of county-wide open space master plan or a regional trail system - - how a trail system would add value to a community - - done in cooperation with conservation easements and land conservation along the riparian corridors.

The next step is to select a date for the workshop - - maybe September or October timeframe. This will allow adequate time for planning. The format they preferred was a half day, 9:00 AM to Noon, 3 to 4 speakers maximum, lunch and then adjourn. The Partners will also be working with the Promotions & Events Committee to help formalize this event.

B. Work Program Guidelines

- Fundraising Event – the appropriate committees need to meet and identify some type of event. One option is an event could be done jointly with Connemara.

12. Review agenda items, activities and announcements for future Board Meeting.

President Lewis asked Doug Franklin for a short update of the happenings in Ladonia.

- Ladonia is looking at putting a museum in Town to highlight the fossils and artifacts of the North Sulphur River. A local Professor died recently and Ladonia stands to get a portion of her fossil collection, her papers and writings as a cornerstone for the museum.
- Land acquisitions for the proposed Lake Ralph Hall are trickling in.

President Lewis feels there are numerous opportunities for the Trust Board in this area for easements. He suggests beginning a dialogue with UTRWD to discuss possible opportunities for conservation easements.

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

The Trust Board will meet June 13, 2013 at 8:30 AM.

14. Visitor Comments.

None.

15. Adjournment.

Doug Franklin made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Recorded By:



Brenda Scott, Assistant Secretary
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Certified By:



Dr. Janet Aune, Secretary / Treasurer
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