



# MINUTES

## UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 10, 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 8:45 AM on Thursday, October 10, 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  
Doug Franklin, Place 4  
Lyle Dresher, Place 9

Janet Aune, Place 2, Secretary/Treasurer  
Robert Harpool, Place 5

**Trustees Absent:**

Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President  
Ken Dickson, Place 8

Shirley Haisler, Place 1

**Vacant:**

Place 3

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

Thomas E. Taylor, Executive Director  
Jason Pierce, Manager / Watershed & Contract Services  
Nancy Tam, Assistant to Executive Director  
Brenda Scott, Sr. Executive Secretary

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Jason Pierce led the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Harpool provided the Invocation.

4. Adopt minutes of August 8, 2013 Trust Board Meeting.

**Lyle Drescher made a motion to approve the August 8, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Janet Aune.** The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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

- Updated Board Roster was distributed in packet.
- The FY 2014 budget passed by the Trust at its August meeting was adopted by the Upper Trinity Board on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, to be included as part of their overall budget.
- The Trust has an opportunity to host a regional meeting of the Soil & Water Conservation District Boards. The meeting will be in Upper Trinity's Board Room on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 AM to Noon. Denton County Soil & Water Conservation District is a Founding Partner of the Trust; and, two Trustees serve on this Board - - Vice President Thomas Muir and Secretary Dr. Janet Aune.

The Trust will make a short presentation during the meeting.

- The Texas Land Trust Council, in putting together its 2014 Conference, is looking to have break-out sessions regarding protecting water resources.
  - On September 24, 2013, TCEQ awarded Upper Trinity the Water Rights Permit for Lake Ralph Hall. Protecting the watershed is a priority for the District. There will be opportunities for the Trust to be involved in the watershed. The Trust may want to consider having a meeting in Ladonia. President Lewis suggested creating a local advisory committee to assist the Trust.
6. Discuss the 2013 Upper Trinity Conservation Symposium held on September 26, 2013.

Dr. Ken Dickson presented the opening comments at the Symposium. Fifty-two people attended the half-day program. It was noted that the speakers did a great job of engaging the audience, presenting key information that supported watershed protection, and that supported creating value in local communities. Mr. Taylor indicated three of the Trust's Founding

Partners (the engineering firms) agreed to put on the program, which worked very well. CEU's were offered to those attending.

7. Discuss plans for joint fundraising event with Connemara Conservancy scheduled for December 7, 2013 and take appropriate action.

At the last meeting, Trustees agreed to join Connemara Conservancy in their December fund raising activity "*Hops for Habitat*." The event will feature a catamaran cruise from Pier 121 in The Colony on Saturday, December 7, 5 - 8 P.M. Connemara has agreed to take the lead in organizing the food and hops for the event.

Connemara asked that the Trust be responsible for selling 20 tickets. Tickets are \$50/person, and available on-line through the Trust's website. The Trustees were encouraged to sale tickets to the event.

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

2013 Work Program Guidelines were reviewed and discussed during the meeting.

Trustees were asked to make a bullet-point list of desired activities for 2014 -- to be discussed at the next meeting. President Lewis suggested Trustees send their list of ideas to staff by December 6, in order to compile a complete list for the next meeting. Mr. Taylor suggested including an item regarding the Lake Ralph Hall Project.

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

- Work Program Guidelines for 2014
- Green Belt Plan
- Budget amendment

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

The next Trust Board meeting is tentatively set for December 12, 2013 at 8:30 AM.

11. Visitor comments.

None.

12. Adjournment.

**Doug Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 A.M. Seconded by Bob Harpool.** The votes were all yes. Motion carried.

Recorded By:

  
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Brenda Scott, Asst. Secretary  
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Certified By:

  
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Dr. Janet Aune, Secretary / Treasurer  
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