



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MARCH 10, 2011

REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING:

1. Call to Order.

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust convened with Vice President Thomas Muir presiding at 8:50 A.M. on Thursday, March 10, 2011, 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:

Janet Aune, Place 2	Bruce Arledge, Place 3
Doug Franklin, Place 4	Robert Harpool, Place 5
Thomas Muir, Place 6	Ken Dickson, Place 8
Don Hill, Place 9	

Trustees Absent:

Linda Williams, Place 1	Trent Lewis, Place 7
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Staff & Advisors of Upper Trinity Regional Water District in Attendance:

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Bruce Arledge led the Pledge of Allegiance. Thomas Muir provided the Invocation.

4. Accept the resignation of Place 4 Trustee, Jerry Lane, effective immediately.

Mr. Taylor announced Jerry Lane's resignation as Place 4 Trustee on the Board effective December 6, 2010. A copy of Mr. Lane's resignation was provided to the Trustees.

Janet Aune made a motion to accept the resignation of Jerry Lane. Seconded by Don Hill.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

5. Oath of Office for Trustee to fill the remaining term of Place 4.

Upper Trinity Regional Water District's Board of Directors appointed Mr. Doug Franklin to fill the remaining term (May 31, 2012) of Place 4 on the Board. Mr. Franklin is from Ladonia and has previously served as a Council Member and Mayor of Ladonia, as well as Fannindel I.S.D. School Board President, and President of the Ladonia Chamber of Commerce. He currently serves the District as Special Assistant for Property Services.

Vice President Muir welcomed and administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Franklin.

6. Receive Report from Board Members and Staff regarding recent TLTC state-wide conference and Connemara Conservancy landowner workshop.

Bob Harpool gave a briefing on the Texas Land Trust Council conference in Austin, held February 23-25, 2011, which was also attended by President Trent Lewis, and Jason Pierce (staff). He stated it was the largest conference held by the Texas Land Trust Council, and was very informative. He recommends that other Trustees attend these types of meetings when possible.

Jason Pierce reported on the Connemara Conservancy landowner workshop for farmers and ranchers, held on March 4 in Denton. The Trust was a sponsor of the workshop, which provided attendees with information about conservation easements, land trusts and tax benefits from conservation easements. Numerous landowners attended the workshop, including several Trustees.

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

- A. One year terms will be up on May 31, 2011. Trustees will be contacted to make sure they want to continue serving on the Trust.

Linda Williams, Place 1
Bob Harpool, Place 5
Dr. Ken Dickson, Place 8

- B. May UTRWD Retreat –Mr. Taylor invited the Board to the Upper Trinity Regional Water District's retreat on May 5. The retreat will be held at the John Bunker Sands Wetlands near Kaufman, Texas. Trustees can attend a portion or all of the retreat. A field-trip of the wetland demonstration area is planned.

- C. On March 23, the Trust and Upper Trinity Regional Water District will be hosting a workshop presented by Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Service regarding Urban Stream Processes. This workshop will focus on maintaining healthy streams, and provide techniques for restoring degraded segments. It is sponsored by the Trust and the City of Denton.

8. Adopt minutes of December 9, 2010 Board Meeting.

Janet Aune made a motion to approve the December 9, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Bruce Arledge. Votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

9. Discuss and consider approval of Proposed Work Program Guidelines for 2011 as recommended by Officers and Staff, with any desired changes.

Based on ideas from the Board, the Officers and staff met in January to finalize the proposed 2011 Work Program Guidelines. It's anticipated that committees will be set-up to work on the activities in the guidelines. Officers and staff recommend approval of the 2011 Work Program Guidelines.

Don Hill made a motion to approve the 2011 Work Program Guidelines. Seconded by Janet Aune. The votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

10. Discuss Trustee Committee Assignments as proposed by President.

A preliminary list of committee assignments was distributed to the Trustees. Trustees were asked to review the list and to notify Mr. Taylor, Trent Lewis or Jason Pierce if they would like to change or serve on more than one committee.

11. Authorize Agreements between the Trust and each Trustee for the Trust to defend and indemnify the Trustee against any liability, loss or damage based upon an act or omission by Trustee in the performance of his or her duties for the Trust.

Don Hill made a motion to authorize the proposed agreements and to approve individual Trustees entering into the agreement. Seconded by Doug Franklin. The votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Staff suggests the Trust meet bimonthly to allow the committees' time to meet, organize and begin working on the various activities in the Work Program Guidelines. After a brief discussion, the next meeting of the Trust was set by consensus for Thursday, May 12 at 8:30 A.M. in the Board Room of Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

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

None.

14. Visitor Comments.

None.

15. Adjournment.

Don Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Janet Aune. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

Recorded By:


Brenda Scott, Asst. Secretary
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Certified By:


Thomas Muir, Vice President
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust