



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OCTOBER 14, 2010

REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING:

1. Tour of Taylor Water Treatment Plant.

To familiarize Trustees with some of the Upper Trinity facilities, Trustees toured the Taylor Water Treatment Plant, led by Ben Hodges, Plant Superintendent, to see the state-of-the-art water plant in operation. This is one of the two water treatment plants operated by Upper Trinity Regional Water District, and is capable of treating up to 70 MGD of water per day.

2. Call to Order.

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust convened, with President Trent Lewis presiding, at 10:40 A.M. on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the Taylor Water Treatment Plant at 300 Treatment Plant Road, Lewisville, Texas.

3. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum.

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

Trustees in Attendance:

Linda Williams, Place 1
Jerry Lane, Place 4
Thomas Muir, Place 6
Ken Dickson, Place 8

Janet Aune, Place 2
Owen Yost, Place 5
Trent Lewis, Place 7
Don Hill, Place 9

Trustees Absent:

Bruce Arledge, Place 3

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

4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Thomas E. Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Thomas Muir provided the Invocation.

5. Adopt minutes of August 12, 2010 Board Meeting.

Jerry Lane made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2010 Trustee meeting. Seconded by Linda Williams. The votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

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

Taylor provided a briefing to the Trustees on the following topics:

- Open Meetings Training. Trustees were reminded to complete the Open Meeting Training required by the Texas Attorney General, and to submit a copy of the certificate of completion for the Trust's file.
- Disclosure Forms were distributed for signature. All forms have been returned.
- Conflict of Interest. Any Trustee, whether themselves or other family members, involved with land that is being donated or sold to the Trust must disclose such involvement to the Board. Additional information regarding conflicts of interest is included in the Overview prepared by Mr. John Boyle, general counsel for Upper Trinity Regional Water District.
- NCTCOG Meeting. Upper Trinity Regional Water District will be hosting a NCTCOG Meeting (see handout) on Wednesday, October 27, in the District's Board Room in partnership with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) to discuss a *Water Quality Protection Greenprint Analysis* for the Lewisville Lake East watershed. Trustees were invited to attend.
- Tom Taylor and Jason Pierce met with R.J. Taylor of the Connemara Conservancy located in Plano, Texas. Connemara is focused on preserving prairie / grasslands and holds some conservation easements in Denton County, which were donated prior to the formation of the Trust.
- The next Trust meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10th at 11:30 A.M. in the Board Room of the District's headquarters. Todd Votteler with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority will be attending to discuss on-going ideas regarding conservation trusts.

7. Matters initiated by the President at the August 12 Board Meeting:

A. Discuss suggestions for Trust activities.

President Lewis asked the Trustees to list several important activities for the Trust to pursue over the next few months. Then, send their respective lists to Brenda Scott to compile and distribute for review.

Several activities were suggested during the meeting, including educational opportunities, developing relationships with similar organizations, and networking with local developers.

Thomas Muir and Jerry Lane left the meeting at 11:14 A.M.

B. Discuss proposals for Mission statement and consider adoption.

Ideas for a mission statement were presented. Trustees reviewed and discussed the information, but did not select a specific statement. A suggestion was made to combine the ideas into a single mission statement. Trustee Don Hill was asked to review the information and present a consolidated mission statement at the next meeting for the Trustees to review.

8. Receive briefing on recent training workshops concerning tax benefits of conservation easements and management of flood plain areas.

Jason Pierce distributed a "Saving Family Lands" handout from a workshop hosted by the Texas Agricultural Land Trust. The presenter was a leading tax attorney who helped the IRS draft the current tax benefits for conservation easements.

President Lewis briefed the Board on a Riparian Workshop he attended that focused on managing riparian areas and restoring streams.

9. Discuss and take appropriate action concerning:

A. Official seal for the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust.

B. General brochure about the Trust and its Mission.

Item No. 9 was tabled until the December meeting.

10. Confirm Date, Time and Location of November meeting.

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, November 10, 11:30 A.M. in the Board Room of Upper Trinity Regional Water District. The guest speaker will be Todd Votteler with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority.

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

None.


12. Visitor comments.

None.

13. Adjournment.

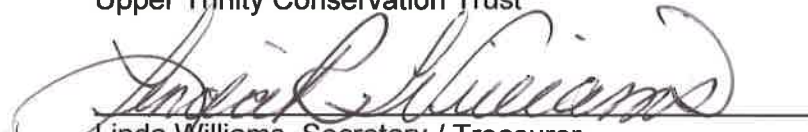
Trent Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Linda Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Recorded By:



Brenda Scott, Asst. Secretary UTCT
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Certified By:



Linda Williams, Secretary / Treasurer
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust