



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 8, 2017

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 8:30 AM on Thursday, June 8, 2017, 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

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

Jason Pierce, Manager / Customer Contracts & Support Services
Blake Alldredge, Water Resource Specialist
Brenda Scott, Assistant Secretary

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Pledge: All

Invocation: President Lewis

4. Consider appointment of Trustee for Place 8 on the Board of Trustees for a three-year term beginning June 1, 2017.

After discussion by the Trustees, Thomas Muir made a motion to reappoint Dr. Ken Dickson for Place 8 on the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Lyle Dresher. The votes were all yes. Motion carried.

5. Conduct Oath of Office.

Reappointments made by Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board of Directors on May 4, 2017:

Place 1 – Shirley Haisler
Place 5 – Bob Harpool

President Trent Lewis administered the Oath of Office for reappointed Trustees Shirley Haisler, Place 1, Bob Harpool, Place 5; and, Dr. Ken Dickson, Place 8 for a three-year term ending May 31, 2020.

6. Conduct election of Officers for the term ending May 31, 2019.

Dr. Janet Aune made a motion to re-elect the current slate of Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer) for a two-year period ending May 31, 2019. Seconded by Lyle Dresher. The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

President:	Trent Lewis
Vice President:	Thomas Muir
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dr. Janet Aune

7. Adopt minutes of February 9, 2017 Trust Board Meeting.

Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve the February 9, 2017 minutes as written. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

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

Briefed by Jason Pierce:

- On January 26 2017, the Court of Appeals issued its opinion that reversed the district court's judgement and rendered judgement affirming the TCEQ's order granting water rights for Lake Ralph Hall to Upper Trinity Regional Water District. As of May 15, 2017, the opportunity for the National Wildlife Federation to appeal to Texas Supreme Court ran out, and Water Rights Permit No. 5821 for Lake Ralph Hall became final and unappealable. The Federal 404 Construction Permit remains under review by Corps of Engineers. Hopefully, the draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released sometime this fall.
- Dr. Ken Dickson, also a representative of the Greenbelt Alliance, discussed the TxDOT project - - a four to six lane highway that will run along FM 428 through the greenbelt area toward Aubrey. This project has been given to the NCTCOG to look at how to minimize the impact of the project to the Greenbelt in that area. Staff recommends staying connected to this project.

- President Lewis suggested the Trust take a tour of the greenbelt area near Aubrey, possibly in the fall, then set up some work sessions with TxDOT and NCTCOG for early winter. Dr. Dickson suggested identifying the Trust group as wanting to be a stakeholder in the project.
- President Lewis asked to have a Trust display at the UTRWD's Field Office in Ladonia to make visitors aware of the program and its activities. He feels this would be very beneficial in presenting the Trust. The Trustees discussed the importance of recording family history of the lake project.
- Trustees discussed the possibility of having a seminar at the Land Office. Mr. Franklin indicated that folks do attend seminars, but he feels the Trust could reach more people by presenting at the County Fair, to be held the second week of October.

9. Financial Matters.

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

Shirley Haisler made a motion to approve payment of Invoice No. W1705UTCT in the amount of \$4,376.03 for expenditures in the 2nd Quarter of FY2017 (January 2017 to March 2017). Seconded by Thomas Muir. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

10. Comprehensive Greenbelt Master Plan for Denton County.

A. Staff Update

Blake Alldredge provided an update to the Trustees:

- The Plan is in the final stages
- Working on brochure, posters and roll-up banner
- Discussed the possibility of having an interactive website with all of the GIS data
- Billboards, digital, mobile, images/messages cycle, relatively inexpensive 3 months / 3 locations - \$8,000

B. Coordinating Committee

- Staff is drafting a framework for the Committee
- Each sponsor would have the ability to appoint a representative
- Purpose of Committee is to be a champion for implementing & promoting the Plan

C. Discuss Next Steps

- Will be coordinating with the County for adoption of the Plan

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

- A. Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education workshop September 13 in McKinney.

- B. Landowner workshop being planned for the fall in coordination with the Denton County AgriLife office.

Staff provided an update to the Trustees about the upcoming Workshop and planning efforts for the Landowner workshop. More details to be provided about the Landowner after coordinating with the local AgriLife offices.

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

None.

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

Next scheduled meeting will be August 10, 2017.


14. Visitor Comments.

None.

15. Adjournment.

Thomas Muir made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Vice President Janet Aune. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 A.M.

Recorded By: _____


Brenda Scott, Executive Secretary
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Certified By: _____


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