



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JULY 14, 2016

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 8:40 AM on Thursday, July 14, 2016, 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
Doug Franklin, Place 4
Lyle Drescher, Place 9

Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President
Leslie Maynard, Place 3
Robert Harpool, Place 5

Trustees Absent:

Shirley Haisler, Place 1*
Ken Dickson, Place 8 *

Others in Attendance:

Tom Wishard, Ladonia

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

Thomas E. Taylor, Executive Director
Jason Pierce, Manager / Watershed & Contract Services
Blake Alldredge, Water Resource Specialist
Brenda Scott, Assistant Secretary

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Pledge: Trent Lewis

Invocation: Thomas Muir

- Mr. Taylor gave an update on Lake Ralph Hall, indicating the District is still working on the required Federal 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. It appears that the final requirement for this Permit may be to do more upstream conservation of those channels that are outside the lake area. The Trust, on its own, has been discussing the possibilities of being involved in the protection of the watersheds and protection of the lake.

8. Financial Matters.

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

Thomas Muir made a motion to approve payment of Invoice No. W1604UTCT in the amount of \$3,649.45 for expenditures in the 2nd Quarter of FY 2016; and, Invoice No. W1607UTCT in the amount of \$4,057.31 for the 3rd Quarter of FY 2016. Seconded by Lyle Dresher. The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

- B. Review year-to-date Trust expenses; discuss proposed budget for FY 2017, and take appropriate action.

Each year, the Trust by its bylaws, is required to submit a proposed budget to UTRWD Board by August 1 for inclusion as part of its overall budgeting process. The proposed FY 2017 budget is very similar to last year's budget. The proposed expenses include conferences, outreach efforts, workshops, implementation of the Greenbelt Master Plan, and the Partners Breakfast.

The Trustees discussed the proposed budget, including the following changes:

- Under Administrative, reduce Public Outreach to \$1,000
- Line item for Greenbelt Plan Implementation of \$2,000
- Add new section for Lake Ralph Hall Conservation / Mitigation of \$3,000

Thomas Muir inquired about increasing UTRWD's contribution to the Trust from \$25,000 to \$26,000 to help cover the increased amounts in Programs. The Board asked Staff to

revise the proposed budget and coordinate with Thomas Muir to review prior to submitting to UTRWD for approval.

Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2017 budget as discussed, including the proposed changes and requested the Vice President to review prior to forwarding to UTRWD Board. The total FY 17 budget proposed is \$31,000. Seconded by Lyle Dresher. The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

9. Comprehensive Greenbelt Master Plan for Denton County.

A. Receive Status Update

Since the Board last met, the Plan has been updated, and is still in draft format.

B. Review Draft Plan

Staff reviewed maps with the Trustees including:

- Inventory of Streams with Greenbelt Characteristics
- Preserved Greenbelt Corridors
- Greenbelt Preservation Opportunities

Staff also reviewed the proposed implementation strategies including: Education and Outreach, Protective Measures, and Funding Opportunities.

C. Discuss Next Steps

- The Trust anticipates having the Plan finalized, ready for review and sent to the stakeholders by August 1, with a 30-day period of review and comment. The Plan will be posted on the Trust's website for the general public to review, but will also be sent to all UTRWD Members and Customers and other cities involved.
- During this time, we anticipate a briefing to the Denton County Commissioner's Court, as well as to the UTRWD Board in a formal presentation by the consultant.
- In September and October, based on the comments received, the team will be working to finalize the Plan. A story board and a brochure is left to be developed.

After the Plan is finalized, the team will work to have it adopted and move forward with implementation.

Trustee Lyle Dresher mentioned that the Champions Rotary Club in Justin asked Blake Alldredge to attend its meeting on June 15 and give a presentation on the Greenbelt Master Plan. The presentation went extremely well.

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

- Lone Star Healthy Streams – Workshop focusing on beef, horses, feral hogs, scheduled for August 25, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Gainesville. The Trust is partnering with the Cooke County AgriLife Office to host the workshop.
- Partners Breakfast – tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, in the UTRWD's Board Room. This breakfast is now held every two years, and guests will include all partners and interested parties, and will be focused on the adoption and implementation of the Greenbelt Plan.

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

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

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2016.

13. Visitor Comments.

None.

14. Adjournment.

Trent Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 A.M. Seconded by Lyle Dresher. The votes were all yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Recorded By:

Brenda Scott
Brenda Scott, Manager / Watershed & Contract Services
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Certified By:

Janet Aune
Dr. Janet Aune, Secretary / Treasurer
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