



# MINUTES

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

June 11, 2015

### 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 10:10 AM on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at the Caylor House, Upper Trinity Lake Ralph Hall Land Office, 10910 Hwy 34, Ladonia, Texas 75449.

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 Dresher, Place 9

Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President

Leslie Maynard, Place 3

Ken Dickson, Place 8

#### Trustees Absent:

Shirley Haisler, Place 1

Robert Harpool, Place 5

#### 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

The Trustees recessed at 10:12 AM to tour the local watersheds in southeast Fannin County, the site of the proposed Lake Ralph Hall.

Trustees reconvened at 12:15 PM.

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance: Jason Pierce

Invocation: Leslie Maynard

4. Adopt minutes of February 12, 2015 Trust Board Meeting.

**Dr. Janet Aune made a motion to approve the February 12, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by Lyle Dresher.** The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

5. Consider appointment of Trustee for Place 9 on the Board of Trustees for a three-year term beginning June 1, 2015.

**After discussion by the Trustees, Leslie Maynard made a motion to reappoint Lyle Dresher for Place 9 on the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Thomas Muir.** The votes were all yes. Motion carried.

6. Conduct election of Officers for the term ending May 31, 2017.

**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, 2017. Seconded by Lyle Dresher.** The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

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

Staff provided the following update:

- Staff made a presentation at Texas Water on April 15 regarding Upper Trinity's water conservation and watershed protection programs. Also, information about the Trust was provided. The presentation was well received.
  - The Trust participated in the Stream and Riparian Ecosystem Education Workshop hosted by the City of Denton and the Texas Water Resources Institute on May 21, 2015. The workshop had 51 attendees, including Trustee Shirley Haisler. Mr. Blake Alldredge presented information about the Trust and the Denton County Greenbelt Plan.
  - Upper Trinity hosted a meeting on May 5, 2015, to discuss a regional initiative on landscape practices - - to promote water conservation. Representatives from the North Texas Municipal Water District, Tarrant Regional Water District and City of Dallas were in attendance.
  - Upper Trinity is hosting an informational booth at the Highland Village Balloon Festival on August 14 – 16, 2015. Staff will provide information to Festival attendees about Upper Trinity's Water Conservation Program and the Denton County Greenbelt Plan.
8. Consider approval of invoice 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 Invoice No. W1504UTCT in the amount of \$3,912.20 for expenditures for the Second Quarter of FY 2015. Seconded by Dr. Janet Aune.** The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

9. Discuss progress concerning the County-wide Greenbelt Plan and related activities.

Staff provided a short update on the Greenbelt Plan. Mr. Alldredge described the digital data that had been collected from municipalities, the County and other sources; and, showed several maps that had been created. For outreach, Alan Plummer and Associates, Inc. (Plummer) has established a website, [dentoncountygreenbeltplan.com](http://dentoncountygreenbeltplan.com), allowing specifics about the Greenbelt Plan to be posted on the internet. Also, the website is being used as a stakeholder engagement tool by providing for comments and feedback from visitors. In addition, Plummer has established Twitter (@UTCTrust) and Facebook (Upper Trinity Conservation Trust) accounts for the Trust. Trustees were encouraged to follow along.

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

President Lewis asked that Staff continue to review the requirements and benefits of membership with the Land Trust Alliance for future consideration.

President Lewis also asked Staff to send an email with a list of upcoming events that are relevant to the Trust.

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

If the Trust continues a 2-month schedule, the next scheduled meeting would be Thursday, August 13, 2015.

12. Visitor Comments

13. Adjournment.

**Doug Franklin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:33 P.M. Seconded by Dr. Janet Aune.** The votes were all yes. Meeting adjourned at 1:33 P.M.

Recorded By:

  
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Jason Pierce, Manager / Watershed & Contract Services  
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Certified By:

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