



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 10, 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 8:30 AM on Thursday, September 10, 2015, 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 Dresher, 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:

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: Jason Pierce

Invocation: Leslie Maynard

4. Adopt minutes of June 11, 2015 Trust Board Meeting.

Lyle Dresher made a motion to approve the June 11, 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by Thomas Muir. The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

5. Oath of Office.

President Lewis administered the Oath of Office for reappointed Trustees Janet Aune, Place 2, Doug Franklin, Place 4; and, Lyle Dresher, Place 9 for a term beginning June 1, 2015.

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

- A 125 acre Flowage Easement has been acquired by UTRWD near the upper reaches of the proposed Lake Ralph Hall. The primary purpose of the easement is to hold water when the lake is in flood stage. The easement also contains guidelines for keeping the land in its natural condition, for land conservation, management of wildlife and exotic animals, and livestock grazing.
- In the middle of August, UTRWD participated in the Highland Village Balloon Festival. A booth was set up and manned by UTRWD staff, promoting water conservation programs, and distributing information about the Greenbelt Plan. Information was also disseminated on social media links and links to other information.
- UTRWD, in partnership with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, recently initiated a new Outreach Program called "*Water My Yard*." The internet-based program sends weekly alerts regarding how much water your yard needs, based on the irrigation system. This information is provided by two weather stations now in Denton County, and based on a variety of different things, e.g. rainfall, temperature, wind speed, etc. For additional information, visit watermyyard.org, hosted by the A&M System.

7. 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.

Thomas Muir made a motion to approve Invoice No. W1507UTCT in the amount of \$3,655.49 for expenditures for the 3rd Quarter of FY 2015. Seconded by Leslie Maynard.
The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

- B. Review year-to-date Trust expenses; discuss proposed budget for FY 2016, and take appropriate action.

Staff reviewed the FY 2015 expenses and the proposed FY 2016 budget for the Trust. Revenue for the Greenbelt Plan has been received from Denton County and UTRWD. In addition to its share of the Plan, UTRWD has also contributed \$25,000 for the Trust's general operation. Revenue was also received from the Trust's Watershed Partners as well as individual tax exempt donations.

The expenses for FY 2015 are well within budget. There will be a carry-forward of expenses related to the Greenbelt Plan since it will not be completed until early 2016.

Regarding the proposed FY 2016 Budget, the revenue and expenses are similar as in prior years. There is funding for continued outreach programs, staff time, etc. Staff was requested to send reminders to the Trustees regarding their annual contribution to the Trust.

Staff recommended approval of the proposed FY 2016 budget as presented.

Lyle Dresher made a motion to approve the proposed budget for FY 2016. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

8. Comprehensive Greenbelt Plan for Denton County.

A. Receive Status Update.

Staff made a short presentation regarding the Greenbelt Plan:

- Alan Plummer & Associates and Staff have been working diligently to gather information and stakeholder input for the Plan.
- The first Stakeholders Meeting was held on July 29 with several Trustees attending. Overall there was a good turnout and good information / suggestions received.
- Blake Alldredge displayed several posters used during the Stakeholders Meeting. Each poster had a different focal point inviting comment on the various elements of the Plan. Trustees provided feedback regarding the draft logo for the Plan.

B. Discuss Trust's Participation in the GreenFest on September 26, 2015.

The Trust previously agreed to be a sponsor and have an information booth at the 2015 GreenFest. The Greenfest will be held on Saturday, September 26th from 12 Noon to 6 P.M., at the Greenbelt Park on FM 455 at Lake Ray Roberts - - east end of the Dam. Staff and the Plummer team will be at the booth disseminating and gathering input about the Plan. Trustees are encouraged to attend.

9. Consider the Trust's sponsorship and participation in the North Texas Cattleman's Conference hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Fannin County Office scheduled for October 2, 2015, and take appropriate action.

This year, the North Texas Cattleman's Conference will be held in Bonham / Fannin County. Staff recommends the Trust be a sponsor again this year as part of its outreach efforts - - at the \$100 level. The Trustees discussed the possibility of having a stream trailer at the event to demonstrate stream erosion to attendees. Also discussed was to invite Friends of Lake Ralph Hall project to attend as well. Several Trustees indicated they would like to attend the conference.

Dr. Ken Dickson left the meeting at 9:45 A.M.

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

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

If the Trust continues a 2-month schedule, the next scheduled meeting would be Thursday, November 12, 2015.

Lyle Dresher left the meeting at 9:55 A.M.

12. Visitor Comments.

None.

13. Adjournment.

Dr. Janet Aune made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Doug Franklin. The votes were all yes. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Recorded By:



Brenda Scott, Manager / Watershed & Contract Services
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Certified By:



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