



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL 12, 2018

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 8:35 AM on Thursday, April 12, 2018, 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
Shirley Haisler, Place 1
Robert Harpool, Place 5
Lyle Drescher, Place 9

Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President
Leslie Maynard, Place 3
Ken Dickson, Place 8

Trustees Absent:

Janet Aune, Place 2, Secretary/Treasurer

Doug Franklin, Place 4

* Excused Absence

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

Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director
Jason Pierce, Manager / Customer Contracts & Support Services
Blake Alldredge, Water Resource Specialist
Brenda Scott, Assistant Secretary
Thomas E. Taylor

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Pledge: Jason Pierce

Invocation: Larry Patterson

Mr. Taylor introduced Larry Patterson, newly appointed Executive Director of Upper Trinity Regional Water District. Mr. Patterson served under Mr. Taylor at the City of Dallas prior to moving to Upper Trinity, and has worked on the Lake Ralph Hall project since the beginning. Trustees welcomed Mr. Patterson.

4. Adopt minutes of February 8, 2018 Trust Board Meeting.

Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve the February 8, 2018 minutes as presented. Seconded by Lyle Dresher. The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

5. Opening Remarks.

A. President's Remarks.

- Larry Patterson and President Lewis represented the Trust at the National Association of Clean Water Agencies Winter Conference in Napa, California, to receive the National Environmental Achievement Award for the Denton County Greenbelt Plan.
- President Lewis attended the Oklahoma Clean Lakes & Watershed Association Conference in Stillwater, Oklahoma, as a keynote speaker. There were approximately 375 attendees. His keynote presentation focused on the Denton County Greenbelt Plan. President Lewis received an overwhelming response and several inquiries about the Plan.

A representative of the Illinois River Watershed Partnership, a nonprofit organization, talked with President Lewis after the presentation about their efforts in protecting greenbelts. The Partnership currently pays \$75.00 per acre for a 30-year conservation easement. This easement program has been successful for the Partnership. The Partnership offered to send information and discuss in more detail how they set up their agreements. Staff will arrange a conference call with the Partnership at a future Board meeting.

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

- President Lewis feels there is a need (regarding the distribution of the Plan) that the Trustees should be the one to make presentations to city councils, encouraging the adoption of the sample resolution that would help further this effort. He thinks it would be well received. President Lewis stated he would make himself available to do this.
- Mr. Taylor indicated that it is Denton County's Greenbelt Plan and the Trust's role should be to assist the County in implementing the Plan.

- Mr. Taylor reported that the Board has authorized the design contract for the dam and spillway for Lake Ralph Hall; and, for the final phase of the lake, planning for mitigation.
- Mr. Patterson gave an update on the Lake Ralph Hall project. The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers has given notice to Upper Trinity that they are satisfied with the Administrative Draft of the Environmental Impact Statement. Once comments are received on the Draft Plan (within 30 days), Upper Trinity will make corrections and it will be formally ready for public notice. There will be a public meeting and a hearing in Ladonia. The District is hopeful to start construction before December 2019.
- Randy Moore has been elected as the new County Judge for Fannin County and is a supporter of Lake Ralph Hall.

6. Comprehensive Greenbelt Master Plan for Denton County.

A. Staff Update

Mr. Taylor reported that the Greenbelt Plan is beginning to attract a lot of attention, and has a special appeal to people who wish something was being done.

- Trust is coordinating with County staff on implementation of the Plan, and a social event coming up in May.
- Presentations are being made to area cities and towns with Aubrey being the first to adopt the Plan, followed by Hickory Creek and Pilot Point. Additional presentations are scheduled over the next few months.

B. Discuss Outreach / Social Event Planned for Spring

- A "Save-The-Date" has been sent out with formal invitations to follow next week.
- The event will be held on Thursday, May 10, from 5:00 – 6:30 PM at the Lantana Golf Club with hors d' oeuvres and a cash bar available.
- Local tours of Lantana's preserved greenbelts will be available.

7. Consider Nominating a Trust Representative to Serve on the Denton County Greenbelt Plan Coordinating Committee.

Trustees discussed the role of the Coordinating Committee, and an appropriate Trust representative. Dr. Dickson was asked if he would be willing to serve as the Trust Representative on the Greenbelt Plan Coordinating Committee. Dr. Dickson agreed, as long as an alternate was also named. **Vice President Muir made a motion to nominate Dr. Ken**

Dickson as the Trust Representative with President Trent Lewis serving as an alternate.
Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

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

- The primary focus at this time is the Greenbelt Plan.
- Looking ahead, it's programmed to host the Watershed Partners Breakfast this year, usually scheduled for some time in November.
- Staff will begin looking at topics for an event in September to discuss the Denton County Greenbelt Plan. Generally, it will be more educational/technical in nature.

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

- Appointment of Trustees for terms ending May 31, 2018.

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

The date of the next Trust meeting will be June 14, 2018, 8:30 A.M. in the Board Room of Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

11. Visitor Comments.

None.

12. Adjournment.

President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Recorded By:



Brenda Scott, Executive Secretary
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Certified By:



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