



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

AUGUST 10, 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 8:42 AM on Thursday, August 10, 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:

Thomas E. Taylor, Executive Director
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. Adopt minutes of June 8, 2017 Trust Board Meeting.

Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve the June 8, 2017 minutes as written. Seconded by Janet Aune. The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.

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

Staff updated the Trustees regarding:

- An article in the Texas Water Conservation Association magazine, *Confluence* about the Greenbelt Plan. One of the pictures that appears in the article was taken by President Lewis by drone of the Lantana greenbelt, one of the District's Members.
- A follow up meeting with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was held regarding mitigation and how the Trust could be involved. The Trust's role in a mitigation bank may be limited at this time to holding conservation easements. The Trust and NCTCOG plan to continue to evaluate options for mitigation work in the future.
- Mr. Taylor suggested the Trust make a trip to the John Bunker Sands Wetland Center in Seagoville, Texas for a possible field trip.

6. 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.

Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve payment of Invoice No. W1707UTCT in the amount of \$2,327.50 for expenditures in the 3rd Quarter of FY2017 (April 2017 to June 2017). Seconded by Thomas Muir. The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

- B. Review year-to-date Trust expenses; discuss proposed budget for FY 2018, 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

2018 budget is similar to last year's budget. **Thomas Muir made a motion to approve the proposed FY 2018 budget as presented. The total FY 2018 budget proposed is \$30,400. Seconded by Lyle Dresher. The votes were all Yes. Motion carried.**

7. Comprehensive Greenbelt Master Plan for Denton County.

- A. Staff Update – the Denton County Greenbelt Master Plan is complete and is being printed. It will be presented to the Denton County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.
- Greenbelt Poster has been reformatted into a roll-up display to be used at events to promote the Plan.

- Mr. Taylor indicated that there will be a permanent wall display with maps mounted at the Denton County Commissioners Court, and a second poster to display on an easel.
- Thomas Muir emphasized the need to have honed-in versions of the Plan and maps to be used by local municipalities when considering future development. Staff indicated that there are maps showing the prioritized greenbelt areas down to sub-watershed and municipality scale in the Appendix of the Plan.

B. Coordinating Committee

- The role of the Coordinating Committee will be to have people representing each of the cities on the Committee to coordinate activities and plans in their areas. This will be a continuing role for this Committee, with the Trust being represented on this Committee as well. Staff will be coordinating with County staff soon to discuss the Plan and the Committee.

C. Discuss Next Steps

- An item yet to be completed is the brochure, which will contain the map and additional information about the Plan.
- Staff is working on interactive Story Map website with GIS data to be able to access and zoom into local areas.
- Staff is planning to draft a model ordinance, including:
 - looking at other similar ordinances in the County and Metroplex,
 - look at other resources, e.g. NCTCOG's i-SWM Program, and,
 - put together an outline of what an ordinance might look like.

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

A. Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education workshop September 13 in McKinney. If anyone is interested in attending the workshop, please contact Blake Alldredge.

- Staff briefed the Trustees on the workshop.

B. Landowner workshop being planned for the fall in coordination with the Denton and Cooke County AgriLife offices.

- Staff is in the planning process of hosting a landowner workshop on October 27, 2017, at the Dixon Water Foundation on the Leo Ranch near Slidell. Times have not been confirmed, but should be morning to early afternoon. Discussions will include the Greenbelt Plan and conservation easements.

C. Watershed Partners Event.

- Trustees discussed the possibility of a social gathering with consultants, Watershed Partners and others to unveil the Greenbelt Plan.
 - Possibly hold event at a local winery/brewery with a tasting room.
9. Review potential agenda items, activities and announcements for future Board meetings.
 10. Confirm date, time and location of next meeting.

The next scheduled meeting date is October 12, 2017.

The Commissioners Court will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

The Highland Village Rotary Club Balloon Festival will be held at Unity Park on BriarHill Rd, August 18th & 19th.

11. Visitor Comments.

None.

12. Adjournment.

Janet Aune made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Thomas Muir. The vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.

Recorded By: 
Brenda Scott, Executive Secretary
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

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