



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

JUNE 14, 2018

REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING:

1. Call to Order.

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust convened with Vice President Thomas Muir presiding at 8:34 AM on Thursday, June 14, 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:

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

Shirley Haisler, Place 1
Robert Harpool, Place 5
Lyle Dresher, Place 9

Trustees Absent:

Trent Lewis, Place 7, President

Doug Franklin, Place 4

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

Jason Pierce, Manager / Customer Contracts & Support Services
Thomas E. Taylor
Brenda Scott, Assistant Secretary

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Pledge: Lyle Dresher

Invocation: Thomas Muir

4. Appointment of Trustees

Upper Trinity Regional Water District Board of Directors reappointed Dr. Janet Aune (Secretary/Treasurer, Place 2) and Doug Franklin (Place 4) on May 3, 2018. However, Dr. Aune resigned from the Board of Trustees on May 7, 2018. Her resignation will also leave an open Officer's position.

Mr. Drescher is up for reappointment by the Trust Board, and has indicated he is willing to serve for another three-year term. **Robert Harpool made a motion to reappoint Lyle Drescher to the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Shirley Haisler.** The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

5. Oath of Office

Vice President Thomas Muir administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Lyle Drescher, Place 9, who was reappointed for a three-year term ending May 31, 2021.

6. Adopt minutes of April 12, 2018 Trust Board Meeting.

Minutes were reviewed with no changes. **Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2018 as presented.** Seconded by Lyle Drescher. The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

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

- Ms. Maynard inquired about the Illinois River Watershed Partnership conservation easement acquisitions program. Mr. Pierce will contact the Partnership and provide more information at the next meeting.
- Mr. Taylor reported that work continues on the Lake Ralph Hall Vision Statement and Business Plan. One concept being considered and encouraged around the lake is cluster development. The main point of cluster development is to have home sites in small areas with open space left in a somewhat natural condition. The Trust could have a role in protecting and preserving the open space.

Upper Trinity can encourage cluster type development around Lake Ralph Hall, and Upper Trinity staff is looking into consideration of water/sewer service for cluster developments. Discussions will need to take place with Ladonia regarding the city's plans for development around Lake Ralph Hall.

8. Financial Matters.

- A. Consider approval of one 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. W18004UTCT in the amount of \$3,121.81 for expenditures in the 2nd Quarter of FY2018 (January 2018 to March 2018) as presented. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

9. Comprehensive Greenbelt Master Plan for Denton County.

A. Staff Update

- The City of Justin is considering adopting the Greenbelt Plan later this month.
- Blake Alldredge made a presentation to Lake Cities Municipal Utility Authority on May 21, 2018. LCMUA has adopted the Plan.
- The City of Sanger was sent follow-up information for their Council's consideration.
- Additional information was sent to the City Manager of Corinth. He and the Mayor attended the recent kick-off event for the Greenbelt Plan. The City Manager has personally joined the Partners Program; and, he is encouraging the City to be more aggressive in its thinking regarding these types of issues.
- When presentations are being made, it is a good idea to have a Trustee attend, make the presentation or to answer questions. Staff will send an email listing dates of future presentations. If Trustees are available and interested in attending, please contact staff.
- Denton County appointed Amanda Davenport as their representative to the Coordinating Committee, but she has recently relocated to Kentucky. The County has since appointed Fred Burrell to serve on the Committee. Upper Trinity is looking at possible nominees to the Coordinating Committee as well.
- The AgriLife Center in Dallas developed a video for the Greenbelt Plan, which debuted at the kick-off event in Lantana. It features Leslie Maynard as one of the narrators. The video is now uploaded on YouTube and can be searched by 'Denton County Greenbelt Plan'.
- Staff is working on an appropriate information packet about the next steps after an entity adopts the Greenbelt Plan - - one of which is making a nomination to the Coordinating Council. Cities/Towns that have adopted the Greenbelt Plan:

Aubrey

Pilot Point

Hickory Creek

Lake Cities MUA

B. Discuss Social Event Held May 10 at the Lantana Golf Club

- About 40 people attended the event - - a diverse cross section. Atmosphere was friendly, easy going, people seemed to enjoy the evening.
- Mr. Drescher suggested moving the next event to the northeast side of the County next time - - reaching out to smaller communities in that area.

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

- Education Event: We talked briefly last meeting about format, etc. and several suggestions were made. Dr. Robert Mace has been locked in as a key-note speaker

on September 21, 2018. He worked for many years as a former Deputy Executive Administrator for Water, Science and Conservation at the Water Development Board. He is now working for the Meadows Center for Water Policy. Dr. Mace has a keen aspect into water conservation, watershed protection and nature. When you hear him speak he is not a typical lecturer - - he's very humorous, very knowledgeable about water, and connects well to an audience.

- People invited to this event will include city managers, planners, consultants, flood plain administrators, engineers, directors. The content will have some technical element to it, but also an opportunity to get feed-back and discuss challenges implementing a Greenbelt Plan. This will be a half-day event with lunch provided, about 6 hours in length - - 9 AM to 3 PM. Staff will begin planning soon.
- The Trust is scheduled to host the Watershed Partner's Breakfast in November. Due to a busy schedule a date has not been scheduled.

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

- The Watershed Breakfast event is tentatively scheduled to be held in November.
- Illinois River Watershed Partnership Conservation Easement Acquisition program.
- Trustee Appointments.
- Oath of Office for Doug Franklin.

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

The next regularly scheduled date: August 9, 2018, with the possibility of moving the date to September if needed.

13. Visitor Comments.

None.

14. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Vice President Muir adjourned at the meeting at 9:40 A.M.

Recorded By: 
Brenda Scott, Executive Secretary
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