



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 9, 2017

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 8:38 AM on Thursday, November 9, 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:

Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President
Shirley Haisler, Place 1
Doug Franklin, Place 4
Ken Dickson, Place 8

Janet Aune, Place 2, Secretary/Treasurer
Leslie Maynard, Place 3
Robert Harpool, Place 5

Trustees Absent:

Trent Lewis, Place 7, President
Lyle Dresher, Place 9

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
Tom Wishard

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Pledge: Jason Pierce

Invocation: Vice President Muir

4. Adopt minutes of August 10, 2017 Trust Board Meeting.

Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve the August 10, 2017 minutes as presented.

Seconded by Shirley Haisler. Motion carried.

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

Staff updated the Trustees regarding: Lake Ralph Hall. Mr. Taylor reports that progress continues on Lake Ralph Hall. The team continues to coordinate with the Army Corps of Engineers to produce the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the federal permit. Preliminary engineering studies are underway.

6. Update concerning Comprehensive Greenbelt Master Plan for Denton County.

A. Staff Update

- In September, NBC 5 local reporter Seth Voorhees, recently produced a short video about the Greenbelt Plan. Vice President Muir and Jason Pierce were interviewed by Mr. Voorhees, and aired on September 27. This video is a good tool to use as part of the Trust's public outreach.
- The Greenbelt Plan has been adopted by the County Commissioners Court. The focus now is on implementation and establishing the Coordinating Committee.

B. Coordinating Committee

- The Trust and the County will work together to establish and manage the Committee. The County Judge and Commissioners will appoint the members of the Committee.

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

A. Riparian and Stream Ecosystem Education workshop held September 13 in McKinney.

- On September 13th, in McKinney, Texas, the Trust co-hosted a Riparian and Stream Educational Workshop with North Texas Municipal Water District and the Texas Water Resources Institute. There were over 70 attendees at the Heard Museum on Wilson Creek. Presentation topics included riparian and stream processes and benefits, how to properly manage riparian areas for water quality protection, and how conservation easements can benefit riparian management.

B. North Texas Land Stewardship Workshop held October 27 near Slidell.

- On October 27th, the Trust co-hosted the North Texas Land Stewardship Workshop with the Cooke County AgriLife Office and the Dixon Water Foundation. There were 25 people who attended the event, which was held at Dixon's Leo Ranch near Slidell. Presentation topics included the benefits of conservation easements, USDA cost-share programs, grazing management and feral hog control.

C. Watershed Partners social event being planned for early 2018.

- Discussion was held to decide an appropriate time frame and location for this event. The consensus of the group is to host the event at the Lantana Club House in early April. This will allow time to get the Plan out and have it adopted by several entities, and to establish the Coordinating Committee.

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

- Work Program Guidelines
- Social Event Planning
- Future Workshops

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Trust Board will be Thursday, January 11, 2018.

10. Visitor Comments.

None.

11. Adjournment.

Vice President Muir adjourned the meeting at 9:51 A.M.

Recorded By: _____


Brenda Scott, Executive Secretary
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust

Certified By: _____


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