



MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

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 8:37 AM on Thursday September 12, 2019, in the Training Room at 802 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
Leslie Maynard, Place 3
Thomas E. Taylor, Place 8

Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President
Lissa Shepard, Place 2
Bob Harpool, Place 5
Lyle Dresher, Place 9

Trustees Absent:

Doug Franklin, Place 4

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

Larry N. Patterson
Blake Alldredge

Jason Pierce
Rae Langston

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Pledge: All

Invocation: Thomas Muir

4. Consider appointment of Trustee for Place 6 on the Board of Trustees.

Regarding Place 6, the Board voted to re-appoint Thomas Muir for another 3 Year Term.

Lyle Dresher made a motion to re-appoint Thomas Muir for Place 6. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

5. Conduct Oath of Office for Places 2, 3, 6 and 7.

Lyle Dresher administered the Oath of Office to the following:

- Lissa Shepard, Place 2
- Leslie Maynard, Place 3.
- Thomas Muir, Place 6

Thomas Muir administered the Oath of Office to the following:

- Trent Lewis, Place 7

6. Conduct election of Officers for the term ending May 31, 2021.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to re-elect present Officers for another 2 Year term. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

7. Consider appointing an Assistant Secretary to the Board to assist in taking meeting minutes, keeping permanent records for the Trust, and such other duties as appropriate.

Lyle Dresher made a motion to appoint Rae Langston to be Assistant Secretary to the Board. Seconded by Leslie Maynard. The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

8. Adopt minutes of June 13, 2019 Trust Board Meeting.

Minutes were reviewed with no changes. **Lyle Dresher made a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Leslie Maynard.** The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Patterson updated the Trustees on the Lake Ralph Hall Project - - continuing to purchase land and anticipate a "Record of Decision" from USACE in January 2020.

Jason Pierce noted the updated copy of the By-Laws, with regard to the principal office now being 802 N Kealy, Lewisville, TX 75057, and the mailing address now PO Box 361, Lewisville, TX 75067.

Doug Franklin has resigned, leaving Place 4 vacant until a replacement can be appointed by the Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

As part of the 2018 Farm Bill, 10% of the conservation programs funds must be used for protecting water sources. Kyle Wright with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) reached out to Upper Trinity to serve on NRCS' State Advisory Committee, and Blake Alldredge has participated on that Committee. The Committee has worked on recommendations on which watersheds the funds should be directed to. Blake was in Austin last week to make the recommendation of three general regions in Texas, one of which is in the North Central Texas area, and the Hickory Creek watershed was one of three specific watersheds highlighted. The next step is for NRCS to select the specific watersheds to direct funding to.

A meeting is set this week with the City of Denton Parks & Recreation Director to discuss the Greenbelt Plan, and how Denton's parks plans can line up with the Denton County Greenbelt Plan.

10. Financial Matters.

- A. Consider approval of an invoice from Upper Trinity Regional Water District for reimbursement of prior costs incurred by Trust, and authorize payment thereof.

Expenditures for 3rd Quarter of FY2019 (April 2019 to June 2019) are \$2,619.05, Invoice W1907UTCT.

Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve and pay invoice W1907UTCT for \$2,619.05. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

- B. Review year-to-date Trust expenses; discuss proposed FY 2020 budget, and take appropriate action.

Staff provided a draft FY2020 budget for review. There are no changes from prior year's budget; and, it was included as part of UTRWD's annual budget.

Thomas Muir made a motion to approve the FY 2020 Budget. Seconded by Leslie Maynard. Votes were all Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

11. Receive an update from staff regarding a potential project with the City of Corinth in applying for the Urban Outdoor Recreation grant with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and take appropriate action.

Staff shared a presentation from Bob Hart titled, "Green Infrastructure for the City of Corinth" that described stormwater control efforts along Lynchburg Creek, and the opportunity to preserve floodplain areas and create hike and bike trails in the future. Corinth anticipates the Trust to hold the deed on the donated land in that floodplain for conservation purposes. The long term intent is for Corinth to own the property for Parks. Corinth would then be obligated to maintain the property while we hold the easement.

Staff indicates that Corinth is moving forward with this plan, we need to outline an agreement for an endowment between the City of Corinth and UTCT. Bob Hart has been in talks with the landowner, and the time frame to finalize may be within the next 90 days.

12. Consider approval of a resolution adopting the Land Trust Alliance's Land Trust Standards and Practices, a set of ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust.

As UTCT grows, the Land Trust Alliance's Land Trust Standards and Practices can help to serve as a guideline, as well as assisting us in gaining insurance for future easements by adopting them.

Leslie Maynard makes a motion to approve the Resolution adopting the Land Trust Alliance's Land Trust Standards and Practices, a set of ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust. Seconded by Thomas Muir. All Yes, 0 no, Motion Carried.

13. Update regarding Denton County Greenbelt Plan.

The City of Denton Council Committee on the Environment approved the Denton County Greenbelt Plan and it will now go to the City Council in October for adoption. That is a big step in moving forward. Another significant factor is that there was an EPA employee in Dallas that read about our plan and was intrigued by it, and working with the City of Denton was able to get a grant application to assess the hazard mitigation plans throughout the County, with the Greenbelt Plan in mind. Dr. Fouad Jaber at the AgriLife Center in Dallas was selected as the recipient to conduct the project.

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

No updates at this time.

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

Larry Patterson extended an invitation to the Trust to join the UTRWD Board of Directors on an all-day retreat to Ladonia tentatively scheduled for November 7, 2019, to see the Leon Hurse Dam and Spillway location site.

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

We will tentatively meet Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 8:30 am at 802 N. Kealy.


17. Visitor Comments.

None.

18. Adjournment. Time:

There being no further business, Shirley Haisler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 AM, Seconded by Bob Harpool. The votes were all Yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Recorded By: 
Rae Langston, Assistant Secretary

Certified By: 
Leslie Maynard, Secretary/Treasurer
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust