



MINUTES

UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING (BY TELECONFERENCE)

1. Call to Order.

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust convened by teleconference with President Trent Lewis presiding at 8:30 AM on Thursday February 11, 2021.

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
Bob Harpool, Place 5

Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President
Lissa Shepard, Place 2
Russell McNamer, Place 4
Lyle Dresher, Place 9

Trustees Absent:

Thomas E. Taylor, Place 8

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: Trent Lewis

4. Conduct Oath of Office for Places 1, 4 and 5.

President Lewis led the Oath of Office for the following Trustees:

- Ms. Shirley Haisler, Place 1 – Re-Election
- Mr. Russell McNamer, Place 4 – Newly Elected
- Mr. Robert Harpool, Place 5 – Re-Election

5. Adopt minutes of November 12, 2020 Trust Board Meeting.

Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve Minutes of November 12, 2020, as presented. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

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

Jason Pierce briefs the Board:

- Welcome to Mr. Russell McNamer to the Trust as Place 4.
- Mr. Doug Franklin passed away January 9, 2021. Doug served on the Board for 8 years and was a strong advocate of Lake Ralph Hall and Watershed Protection.
- Texas Land Trust Council will sponsor a virtual symposium on March 14th – The Trust will pay for your registration if you'd like to attend.
- The 87th Legislature has kicked off and Staff is closely monitoring the bills that are being filed.
- The websites and social media sites for the Lake Ralph Hall Project have been updated, so please "follow us" to stay current with updates.

Mr. Patterson briefs the Board on Lake Ralph Hall matters:

- Right of Entry has been granted from 70% of the Landowners to survey for the pipeline from Lake Ralph Hall.
- Details of an Official Groundbreaking Ceremony are being worked out. We will have "Save the Date" information sent out soon.
- Cultural Resources work is continuing.
- The design contract for the Raw Water Pump Station has been awarded.

7. Financial Matters.

- A. Consider approval of two invoices from Upper Trinity Regional Water District for reimbursement of prior costs incurred by Trust and authorize payment thereof. **Thomas Muir made a motion to approve and pay Invoice W2011UTCT for \$3,905.34 and**

Invoice W2101UTCT for \$3,335.96. Seconded by Leslie Maynard. The votes were all Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

8. Provide update on potential acquisition of conservation easement in the Lewisville Lake watershed and take appropriate action.

Thomas Muir and Staff met with the property owner interested in placing a conservation easement on their property. The property owner is very conservation minded and wants to ensure their property is protected from development. This would be a good first easement for the Trust to acquire. The next step is to draft an easement to present to the property owner to cultivate the relationship and to move forward.

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

A. Watershed Partners Breakfast.

On January 27, 2021, the Trust hosted a Virtual Watershed Partners Breakfast with over 80 in attendance. Among the Panel of Presenters were:

- Dr. Samuel Atkinson, University of North Texas
- Mrs. Mendie White and Mr. Michael Kim, City of Lewisville
- Dr. Fouad Jaber, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Dallas Center
- Mr. Bob Hart, City of Corinth
- Blake Alldredge, UTCT Staff Member

During the Breakfast meeting, the Trust launched the Grant Program to support the implementation of the Greenbelt Plan. It's anticipated that a few applications will be submitted for consideration.

As a "thank you" for attending this Virtual Breakfast, packets were sent to the attendees that had informational items, including a UTCT journal.

10. Discuss and consider approval of proposed Work Program Guidelines for 2021, with any desired changes.

The following activities were revised/deleted to the Work Program Guidelines:

- Host a breakfast event for Watershed Partners and other stakeholders - Deletion.
- Including administration of the Greenbelt Implementation Grant Program - Revision.
- Begin utilizing the benefits of membership in the Land Trust Alliance - Revision.

The following activities were discussed to add to the Work Program Guidelines with the action of Staff to consider:

- Incorporate the Greenbelt Coordinating Committee
- Continue to promote the Trust as separate from the UTRWD
- Consider Committee Assignments

Lyle Dresher made a motion to approve the proposed Work Program Guidelines for 2021, as presented. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all Yes. 0 No. Motion carried.

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

Robert Harpool makes a recommendation for a Resolution of Appreciation for Doug Franklin for his time and efforts on the Trust as an agenda item during the next meeting.

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

The Trust will plan to meet virtually on April 8, 2021.

13. Visitor Comments.

None.

14. Adjournment.

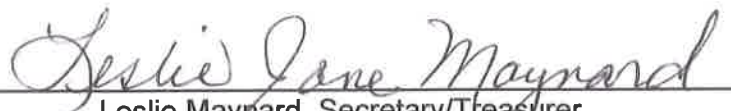
There being no further business, Lissa Shepard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:30AM, Seconded by Thomas Muir. The votes were all Yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Recorded By:



Rae Langston, Assistant Secretary

Certified By:



Leslie Maynard, Secretary/Treasurer
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust