



# MINUTES

## UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 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 8:34 AM on Thursday May 13, 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

**Trustee Vacancy:**

Vacant, 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: Leslie Maynard

4. Discuss Reappointment of Trustees.

A. Consider reappointment of Trustee for Place 9 (Lyle Dresher) on the Board of Trustees.

**Leslie Maynard made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Lyle Dresher for Place 9. Shirley Haisler seconded the motion.** The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

B. Discuss the Place 8 (Thomas Taylor) vacancy and take appropriate action.

Place 8 is a direct appointment of the Trust – The Board agreed they'd like this position to be held by someone near the Ladonia/Lake Ralph Hall Project vicinity. No action taken.

5. Conduct Oath of Office for Place 9.

President Lewis led the Oath of Office for Mr. Lyle Dresher, Place 9.

6. Adopt minutes of February 11, 2021 Trust Board Meeting.

**Lyle Dresher made a motion to approve Minutes of February 11, 2021, as presented. Seconded by Shirley Haisler.** The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

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

- Construction on Lake Ralph Hall will soon begin. Trustees are invited to the Groundbreaking Ceremony on June 16, 2021 in Ladonia.
- Mr. Lyle Dresher was elected as Secretary for the UTRWD Board beginning June 3, 2021.

8. Consider Resolution to Honor the Memory of and Appreciation for Doug Franklin and take appropriate action.

**Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve the Resolution to Honor the Memory of and Appreciation for Doug Franklin. Seconded by Robert Harpool.** The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried. Staff noted that once the Resolution is properly formatted, signed and framed, it will be presented to Doug Franklin's family.

9. Consider approval of one invoice from Upper Trinity Regional Water District for reimbursement of prior costs incurred by Trust and authorize payment thereof. **Shirley Haisler made a motion to approve and pay invoice W2104UTCT in the amount of \$6,441.81 Seconded by Russell McNamer.** The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

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

Staff announced that the landowner, Ms. Sharon Mays, had approved the draft conservation easement. The next step is to initiate and prepare a Baseline Report. The Board will establish an Acquisition Committee to evaluate the conservation easement and baseline report prior to presenting to the full Board for final consideration. If you have interest in serving on the Acquisition Committee, please inform the Trust President.

11. Consider approval of proposal from Sigler Communications to redesign the Trust's website in the amount of \$8,000.00.

Staff recommends updating the Trust's website, making it more user-friendly, and welcomes the Trust's feedback as the website develops. **Russell McNamer makes a motion to approve the proposal with Sigler Communications to redesign the Trust's website, in the amount of \$8,000.00. Seconded by Leslie Maynard.** The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried

12. Consider two applications for funding received for the Greenbelt Plan Implementation Grant Program and take appropriate action.

Since the Watershed Partners Breakfast on January 27<sup>th</sup>, the Trust has received two Greenbelt Plan Implementation Grant applications:

- 1) Dale Peterson, Landowner – Requests funding to repair a dam for a 10-acre lake on his property. Upon review, the Trustees requested that staff delineate the watershed for the pond to evaluate its impact within the larger watershed and, if necessary, to meet with Mr. Peterson to see if this is within the scope of the Grant criteria or if other sources need to be called in to assist.
- 2) City of Lewisville, Municipality – Requests funding to purchase and plant native plants at the new Kayak Launch Site on the Elm Fork of the Trinity River in the fall of 2021 to stabilize the area from erosion and to enhance the habitat. The City also plans to install interpretive signage to educate visitors of the role that native plants perform in protecting water quality and providing habitat for wildlife and aquatic animals. Staff recommends the Trust contribute to this project and have information about the Trust included on the interpretive signage. **Thomas Muir makes a motion for approval of this opportunity to partner with the City of Lewisville up to, but not to exceed \$5,000.00. The Trust should also encourage the City to pursue other additional funding sources. Staff will make a final report to the Board for final approval at its next meeting. Seconded by Lyle Drescher.** The votes were all yes. 0 no. Motion carried

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

A. Landowner Workshops.

- The Trust sponsored the first of five Landowner 101 workshops in McKinney, hosted by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension offices in Denton, Collin, Grayson and Hunt counties. Nearly 40 people attended the workshop either in-person or virtually. The workshop focused on agricultural land valuations, and Blake was able to speak to the group about the Trust and the benefits of conservation easements. Blake was also able to have a table to handout informational material to attendees.

- Staff is evaluating additional landowner workshops that the Trust can sponsor and will let Trustees know when those might be.

B. Funding Opportunities, including discussion with the Dixon Water Foundation.

- Dixon Water Foundation has indicated it would like to partner with the Trust to provide additional funding for certain projects within the Denton County Greenbelt Grant Program. Staff will discuss this opportunity with Dixon further during a meeting in June.

C. Meeting with Keep Argyle Beautiful representative regarding the Greenbelt Plan.

- Staff was able to have an in-person meeting with Kathy Salisbury of Keep Argyle Beautiful to discuss the Denton County Greenbelt Plan and her interest in encouraging the Town of Argyle to adopt the Plan. An update will be provided at the next Trust meeting.

D. Meeting with the City of Frisco to discuss Watershed Partners Program and adoption of Greenbelt Plan

- Frisco representatives reached out to the Trust after the January Watershed Partners Breakfast inquiring about joining the Watershed Partners Program and adopting the Greenbelt Plan. Staff plans to meet with the Town virtually this afternoon and an update will be provided at the next Trust Meeting.

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

Lake Ralph Hall Groundbreaking Ceremony on June 16 2021 at 10 a.m..

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

The Trust will plan to meet in-person on July 8, 2021.

16. Visitor Comments.

None.

17. Adjournment.

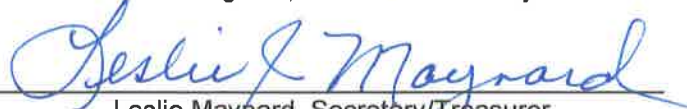
**There being no further business, Leslie Maynard motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50AM. Seconded by Lissa Shepard.** The votes were all Yes. 0 no. Motion carried.

Recorded By:



Rae Langston, Assistant Secretary

Certified By:



Leslie Maynard, Secretary/Treasurer  
Upper Trinity Conservation Trust