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UPPER TRINITY CONSERVATION TRUST
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

REGULAR SESSION BOARD MEETING:

1. Call to Order.

The Board of Trustees of the Upper Trinity Conservation Trust convened with President Trent Lewis presiding at 8:40 AM on Thursday, February 14, 2019, 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:**

- Trent Lewis, Place 7, President
- Shirley Haisler, Place 1
- Robert Harpool, Place 5
- Thomas Muir, Place 6, Vice President
- Leslie Maynard, Place 3, Secretary
- Lyle Dresher, Place 9

**Trustees Absent:**

- Doug Franklin, Place 4

**Vacant:**

- Place 2
- Place 8

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

- Larry N. Patterson, Executive Director
- Thomas E. Taylor
- Jason Pierce, Manager of Government Affairs & Communications
- Blake Alldredge, Water Education Coordinator
Brenda Scott, Executive Secretary

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.

Pledge: All  Invocation: Larry N. Patterson

4. Adopt minutes of September 13, 2018 Trust Board Meeting.

Minutes were reviewed with no changes. Leslie Maynard made a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2019 as presented. Seconded by Thomas Muir. The votes were all yes. Motion carried.

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

Jason Pierce updated the Board on the following:

- The Watershed Partnership renewals have been completed and send out.
- The Trust has added a Sustaining Partner - - the City of Corinth.

6. Discuss potential candidates for vacancies on the Trust Board (Places 2 and 8).

There are currently two vacancies on the Trust Board. Place 2 previously held by Dr. Janet Aune is an appointment by the Upper Trinity Water District Board; and, Place 8, which was held by Dr. Ken Dickson, is a direct appointment by the Trust Board.

Place 2: Staff had the privilege of talking with Flower Mound citizen Barbara Kraus, who was recommended by a Flower Mound Town Councilmen. During a discussion about ways to protect floodplains in Flower Mound, Ms. Kraus expressed an interest in serving on the Trust Board. The Board indicated a desire to meet with Ms. Kraus.

Place 8: Staff indicated that some of the previous recommendations for Place 8 were not able to serve. However, Mr. Tom Taylor has expressed interest in serving as a Trustee. Mr. Taylor is a landowner in the watershed of the planned Lake Ralph Hall and is a strong advocate for greenbelt protection. He also created the Trust and has been instrumental in developing the Denton County Greenbelt Plan.

7. Consider approval of invoices (Nos. W1811UTCT & W1901UTCT) from Upper Trinity Regional Water District for reimbursement of prior costs incurred by Trust, and authorize payment thereof.

Lyle Drescher made a motion to approve payment of Invoice No. W1811UTCT (4th Quarter of FY2018 (July 2018 to September 2018)) in the amount of $3,395.41 and Invoice No. W1901UTCT (1st Quarter of FY2019 (October 2018 to December 2018)) in the amount of $3,696.85 as presented. Seconded by Shirley Haisler. The votes were all Yes,
0. No. Motion carried.

8. Update regarding Denton County Greenbelt Plan.

Since the Trust met last, the City of Corinth, Town of Flower Mound, Lantana, and City of Lewisville adopted the Greenbelt Plan. It’s anticipated that the first meeting of the Coordinating Committee will be held soon.

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

A. Symposium held on September 21 in Lake Dallas.

Nearly 50 participants representing municipalities and consulting firms attended the Symposium, with presentations about green stormwater infrastructure and municipal planning strategies to protect greenbelts. Dr. Robert Mace of the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment was the keynote speaker.

B. Partners Breakfast.

The Trust hosted the Watershed Partners Breakfast on November 14, 2018. Around 50 attended and heard from representatives from the City of Frisco and the North Central Texas Council of Governments discuss how they protect greenbelts and incorporate green stormwater infrastructure into their planning.

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

Staff presented draft Work Program Guidelines for 2019, continuing many of the same objectives as previous years, with an exception being the Partners Breakfast, which was held in 2018. After discussion, Trustees directed Staff to include an educational meeting or roundtable discussion with municipalities, with the Greenbelt Plan as the focus. Trustees also asked to include a fundraising event to build support for the Trust.

Thomas Muir made a motion to approve the 2019 Work Program Guidelines, with discussed changes included. Seconded by Leslie Maynard. The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

11. Executive Session: Concerning potential acquisition of conservation easement related to protecting greenbelt corridor within Lewisville Lake watershed pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072.
The Board went into Executive Session at 9:50 am; and, reconvened its regular meeting at 10:25 am.

12. Discuss and take appropriate action on property matters (conservation easement acquisition), some of which may have been discussed in Executive Session.

Thomas Muir made a motion to direct Staff to continue pursuing potential acquisition of conservation easement with the City of Frisco along Stewart Creek within the Lewisville Lake watershed. Seconded by Leslie Maynard. The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

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

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

The next Board meeting was tentatively scheduled for April 25, 2019.

15. Visitor Comments.

None.


There being no further business, President Lewis adjourned the meeting at 10:30 A.M. Seconded by Vice President Muir. The votes were all Yes, 0 No. Motion carried.

Recorded By: Brenda Scott, Executive Secretary
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Certified By: Leslie Maynard, Secretary Treasurer
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