

## Llano River Watershed Alliance

### Board of Directors Meeting October 12, 2023

#### Kimble County Historical Museum Meeting Room

**Attendees:** Linda Fawcett, Scott Richardson, Melissa Burnard, Martha Richardson, Andrew Burnard, Nol Dear

**Absent:** Art Mudge, Glen Coleman (excused for representing LRWA at NCP meeting)

**Visitors:** Alex Aboytes, Richard Taylor, Dana Michaud, Jack McGinnis, Mark Cole

1. Approval of Consent Agenda: Nol made the motion to approve, Scott seconded, unanimous

a. August 3, 2023 Minutes

b. Treasurer Report 08-03-23 – 10-12-2023

**2. Linda welcomed visitors, introductions**

**3. Volunteer Action Item:** Call for Volunteer Hours related to the mission of the Alliance **Since August 3, 2023**

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Linda reported on the Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> TCEQ Public Meeting: The one TCEQ representative said, that a second meeting would be scheduled in the Spring of 2024.

- Linda praised Glen and his coalition's contact with the Austin City Council, which resulted in their full support of the Waterstone Dam opposition.
- It was also noted that other contributions from the City of Junction and City of Llano, who have asked for a contested hearing, lent support to the effort.
- Linda said, that the TCEQ comment count was 1264, but after going over all the comments and eliminating those that were repeated her count was 860 comments and that the last comment was 9/14.
- Linda sent out the newsletter
- Discussion of new unpermitted dams discovered since last board meeting: James River, Leon Creek, Elm Creek.
- Andrew made the motion "For Glen to come with a proposal of how to document existing and new dams under construction in the watershed." Scott seconded it and it was unanimous.
- Linda read the conditions for joining WCC. Linda then made the motion "for the board to accept the WCC guidelines in order for LRWA to become a member" Nol seconded it and it was unanimous.

c. Linda and Melissa: reported on the HCA Summit meeting. Linda said, conservation ideas were presented by a panel. Melissa said that HCA did a good job of moving from a plan to action to address the drought. She also said that they really did a good job of getting younger people involved in HCA and making the point that we're always in a drought and should treat our resources that way.

d. SARP Grant Scott and Linda

- Linda reported a SARP visit planned for 10-28 at the Carl Fink property in Llano County
- Linda reported that the grant had been extended until Sept. 30, 2024
- Scott reported on the Sept. 27 Drought Survival and Rainfall Collection Workshop co-sponsored by the LRWA and Upper Llano Soil Conservation District. He said that in fulfilling LRWA's role in the workshop Billy Kniffen and Mark Moseley had sent him their invoices, \$400 from Billy and \$500 from Mark, and that he had sent them to Melissa, who had sent them both a check for the amount.
- Scott reported on the Nov. 11 Water and Land Stewardship Workshop, which will be the third or final workshop for the SARP grant. He went over the topics and speakers for the workshop. He said that Steve Nelle would invoice LRWA for his part, but that Meredith Allen wasn't sure if she could, but would check with her board and that Dr. Peter George also implied that he would not need compensation. Scott said, that he would discuss compensation for both Meredith and Dr. George after the workshop or the possibility of an honorarium for each.  
Scott also said the following: that the county only required a \$500 deposit and no fee for the Coke Stevenson Memorial Center, that Andrew Helton would provide his PA system and the Library's projector and would help with the set up for a \$100 fee, that the Chamber of Commerce will provide two additional portable microphones at no charge, that he and Andrew would meet with Andrew Helton to set up the equipment, and that Linda and Melissa were handling the pre-registration and the check-in of attendees at the door, and that Martha was handling the refreshments.  
He also went over the promotion of the workshop saying, that a flyer, was sent to the list-serve, posted on the Facebook page, and Andrew had used it and setup pre-registration on the webpage. He also asked the board to help Martha and him to distribute flyers and Nol took some to distribute in Junction and Melissa took some to distribute in Menard. A press release would be sent to the area newspapers.
- Scott briefly went over the progress of the Streambank/riparian Restoration Demonstration Site at the South Llano River State Park. Linda asked about a possible workday for the project and Scott said depending on conditions, he would try and organize one in the Spring of 2024.

e. Linda went over the status and work done for the Arundo grant and said that she would be submitting an annual report to Angela, with TPWD, by Oct. 31. Melissa said she had received two invoice payments for work done from TPWD.

- f. Andrew made a motion for LRWA to donate \$250 to Winterfisch in Mason County on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Martha seconded it and it was unanimous.
- g. Andrew reported that at the Junction City Council meeting that it was agreed that the City of Junction would work on a plan with LRWA and HCA for writing a grant for waste water treatment and how the grant money would be used.
- h. Linda requested content for the Dec.1 edition of the LRWA's newsletter.
- i. Linda stated that Glen had again volunteered his place for the LRWA Christmas party.
- j. Martha reviewed the board members' attendance for 2023 including the Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. She said Nol had missed one on Jan. 19 and that Art had missed one April 13<sup>th</sup>.

5. NEW Business

- a. Alex(Pedro) Aboytes and Richard Taylor both agreed that they wanted to be on the LRWA board and then signed the LRWA board's participation policy. After that Scott made the motion for the LRWA board to accept both Alex(Pedro) Aboytes and Richard Taylor as board members to the LRWA board. Nol seconded it and it was unanimous.
  - b. Linda brought up that Scott and Martha would be leaving the board at the end of the next board meeting, which was confirmed by Scott and Martha. Linda reminded the board that all needed to be considering filling the vacancy of Vice President and Secretary. Scott also said that at that time he would discuss how long he would be willing to be co-owner/manager of the list-serve.
6. The next board meeting was scheduled for Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> at normal time and place.
7. Scott made the motion for the meeting to be adjourned, Nol seconded it, and it was unanimous.