

**Llano River Watershed Alliance  
Board of Directors Meeting January 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
Kimble County Historical Museum Meeting Room**

**Attending:** Linda Fawcett, Pedro Aboytes, Melissa Burnard, Andrew Burnard, Nol Dear, Art Mudge, Glen Coleman. Absent: Richard Taylor.

**Guests:** Steve Totten, Mark & Renee Cole, Kinnan Golmon (Friends of San Saba).

**Volunteer Action item:** the sign-in sheet was passed around for Board members to record hours.

Linda opened the meeting and welcomed the guests. Kinnan Golmon introduced himself and spoke about his organization.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Minutes were approved (Nol moved, Andrew seconded, unanimous). Treasurer's Report: approved unanimously (Glen moved, Art seconded)

**Old Business**

Linda: SARP Grant update, Scott will continue to take the lead on the restoration site demonstration area at the SLSP. Signage will be needed. We need six more site visits. Our workshop obligation has been filled.

Linda updated the Board on several illegal dams, also covered in the LRWA January Newsletter.

Linda also updated the Board about the Liberty Hill Wastewater Case: the SOAH Law Judges have recommended the lowest level of Phosphorus ever recommended, guest Kinnan Golman also updated on this item. One more step however: the TCEQ Commissioners will have to approve or amend the SOAH recommendation at one of their regular meetings in February or March.

Linda: Arundo grant update, TPWD approved an extension for 2024 with a budget \$10,025 for 2024.

Linda: Time for the LRWA 2024 Membership drive. (we currently have around 140 paid members, Andrew concurred a listserve of well over 700). Discussion ensued. After Linda prepares mailing labels and other materials for the letters, the Board will meet for an envelope stuffing party.

Andrew Burnard reported on the LRWA website (latest was adding the Jan. 2024 newsletter page), also pertinent news from attending Junction City Council meetings. Hill Country Alliance has been assisting with matching infrastructure grants to the city, but one hiccup when it was discovered that Junction citizens' median income was now too high for some of the grants. So, now HCA is looking for more grants

Tabled - Melissa's projected budget summary for 2024.

A by-law amendment to allow board member compensation will be out this week, the board will vote via email

Linda requested content for the March 31 newsletter

The Upper Llano Soil and Water Conservation District has asked if LRWA wants to collaborate again on a workshop, this one on Erosion Control with Mollie Walton, PhD Biology, on March 20, 2024 in Roosevelt at Simon Brothers Café. Our financial half would be around \$425. Motion by Linda, yes, seconded by Andrew. Passed unanimously. NRCS will handle the flyer and registration. The Board is urged to show up.

**New Business:**

Motion by Andrew to purchase a Zoom camera, Nol seconded, all approved.

We still need a Vice President - Nol nominated Andrew Burnard, Art seconded, unanimous vote. Andrew is LRWA's new Vice President.

Steve Totten, new board member - Motion by Linda, seconded by Glen, all approved. Welcome to the Board, Steve!

Daniel Oppenheimer (HCA) wrote an amazing tribute to Scott and his contributions to the watershed. There was a motion to buy Scott and Martha lunch in the next couple of weeks, all approved.

Closing encouragement by Mr. Kinnan Golman

The next meeting was set for March 21st at 6:00pm in the KC museum.

Linda made the motion to adjourn, Glen seconded, unanimous.

First draft submitted by Recorder, Glen Coleman, edited by Linda Fawcett.