

LRWA Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Special Called Meeting May 18, 2023

Board members in attendance were: Linda, Scott, Melissa, Martha, Andrew, Art, Nol and Glen

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Linda Fawcett explained the purpose of special meeting was to discuss the opportunity for LRWA to participate in a group grant. She then identified 2 other water advocacy organizations who facilitate similar grants: Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA) and Wastewater Conservation Coalition (WWCC) and explained how group grants work. She gave the example of a grant that has been submitted by 3 advocacy organizations, "Preserving Hill Country Spring Flows".

There is an opportunity to be included in a group grant, being facilitated by WWCC. According to Linda, the LRWA's goal would be to address the failures of the City of Junction wastewater facility. The concern is the amount of phosphorous directly released into the Llano River and the issue is that TCEQ's wastewater permits allow higher limits of phosphorous than allowed in rivers and streams classified as pristine.

- b. Andrew Burnard, reported that there is interest from Junction and Kimble County in pursuing alternative methods of handling Junction's wastewater, other than discharge directly into the river. *Two of them are below:*
- Land Application, which involves locating land where wastewater could be directly applied.
 - Removing phosphorus by mixing salt with sewage to create solids (sludge), which could then be taken to a landfill and dumped.
- c. Members discussed the need for water testing in order to have data that can be presented as evidence to government and regulatory agencies.
- d. Action Item: Did the board want to pursue working with the WWCC by being included in a group grant, if so a wish list needs to be created of fundable needs. The deadline for submission of the list is June 14. Scott offered to contact Meredith Allen, UGWCD manager, about the possibility of funding some of her needs, including a lab for testing water quality.

Scott made a motion for Glen and Linda to work on a grant wish list and to present it at the June 8 regular LRWA board meeting. Glen seconded it, approved unanimously.