

Llano River Watershed Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

March 2, 2023, 6:00 pm

Kimble County Museum meeting room, Junction

Attendees: Andrew Burnard, Melissa Burnard, Glen Coleman, Nol Dear, Linda Fawcett, Blake Leslie, Art Mudge, Martha Richardson, Scott Richardson

Absent: Ruthie Russel

Visitors: Joe Hernandez, Carleton Turner, Stuart McGinney, Alan Terrell, Bill Neiman

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Consent Agenda: *Scott moved, Martha seconded, to accept consent agenda, report, unanimous*

- a. January 19, 2023 Minutes - no corrections
- b. Treasurer's Report 01-19-2023 Amemded and Treasurer's Report 03-02-2023

2. Welcome Visitors. See above. Linda updated visitors

3. Volunteer Action Item: Call for Volunteer Hours related to the mission of the Alliance. Board members recorded volunteer hours on sign-in sheet.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. SARP Grant Report:

- **Scott reported on the demonstration site at the SLRSP.**

The work has begun on the demonstration site, with SLRSP staff hauling mulch and Scott spreading it. The process has been slow due to inadequate equipment. To address this, Scott suggested if needed checking with Cody Edwards, park supt., about bringing in outside equipment. If approved then possibly hiring an outside, local contractor, with proper equipment, that might be able to help with the mulch hauling. Andrew made the motion for Scott to get an estimate of cost from an outside/local contractor to bring proper equipment to haul and mulch to the site. Linda seconded, unanimous.

- **Update on Plans for next workshop** -Scott is working on some ideas for workshops, but will postpone developing a workshop until later in the year.

- **Landowner site** – Visits have been postponed due to lack of rain.

b. Arundo Grant Report – Linda and Melissa

There is a need to continue to locate landowners with Arundo on their property and to contact them regarding access and spraying. Melissa said that LRWA is still waiting for reimbursement from TPWD for work completed in 2022. Two invoices have been submitted one for August 2022 and one for Sept. 2022.

Glen suggested more outreach to the community and offered to write an article for the newspaper. He also suggested talking to local service organizations.

c. Report on Downtown Mural project. – Linda, Melissa and Martha

Linda reported on the progress of the design for the mural. Two local young women: Oly and Christina, have been working on some concepts and renderings to present to Big Seed for their input. Kristin, an artist with Big Seed, will work with them. Martha reported that she had obtained a signed agreement from Gary Mott, owner of the building where the mural will be painted, that he would allow project to take place and that he would allow the mural to remain for at least 10 years. Marisa Bruno, HCA Water program manager, advised Martha on the wording of the agreement document. Martha read the wording in the document provided by Marisa and noted that it said LRWA would be in charge of maintenance of the mural. Martha changed the wording of the agreement to Gary Mott to "Mural committee and partners would be in charge of maintenance of the mural" The board agreed with this change to the agreement. Melissa and Martha are to contact Marisa explaining this change.

Melissa announced that she had created a separate account for the mural and transferred LRWA's donation to that account.

d. Update on Waterstone Dam application – Linda and Andrew

Linda reported that TCEQ had not set dates for any public meetings concerning the Waterstone Dam. Junction, Mason and Llano have all requested public meetings.

TCEQ has a backlog of permits to review.

There were over 600 comments submitted to TCEQ regarding the Waterstone Dam.

e. Newsletter – Linda

Linda needs content for the upcoming newsletter, due end of March

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Support of the landowners on the South San Gabriel River VS. the Liberty Hill Wastewater Plant.

Needs funding to help with a contested case with the TCEQ.

Andrew made a motion that LRWA donated \$1000 to the South San Gabriel River fund. Art seconded it.

Unanimous.

b. Need volunteers to attend upcoming meetings : HCA Grassroots gathering for Water Advocates, LCRA Water quality Advisory Board meeting and Texas Aquatic Connectivity Team. Glen volunteered for the TACT meeting

c. Blake Leslie announced that he would no longer be employed by the Llano River Field Station and because of that might not be able to participate as a LRWA board member. After board members encouraged him to stay on the board he decided to postpone his resignation.

6. Next meeting – April 13, Kimble County Museum meeting room 6:00 p.m.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.