LRWA BOARD MEET, May 16, 2024

Attendees

Board members: Linda Fawcett, Art Mudge, Melissa & Andrew Burnard, Sydney Heap, Steve Totton, Zack Bierschwale, Nol Dear, Glen Coleman

Guest: Scott Richardson

Welcome new attendees, Sydney & Zack

1. Approval of Minutes, Postponement of Old Business: Item C of the agenda. Nol moved, Steve seconded: Ayes
2. Approval of Treasurer’s Report, Linda moves approval, Glen seconds
3. SARP, Scott Richardson & Linda: Riparian project at the SLR State Park, located in a drainage area near a day-use parking lot - the goal is to restore the streambank with natives. Regarding interpretative signage, Scott has worked since April with Interpretive Insights out of Houston. TPWD must give its approval for signage, time is limited because grant funds are time-sensitive (we need TPWD to approve the signage \*before\* the grant expires). SLSP Superintendent Cody Edwards is currently seeking TPWD approval. Scott shared the progress of the plants growing in the site, which has been excellent so far. A Volunteer day will be scheduled in June to finish planting.

**Motion:** Pending approval by TPWD, contingent to TPWD approval, we moved to pay one half of the cost of the signage, approximately $2,101. Motion by Linda, second by Nol - Approval

More updates by Linda: a recent SARP visit, 5 more to go. She asked for volunteers for three visit requests in the near future.

1. Arundo Update - TPWD Training (by Angela England) is tentatively set for May 31st – TBD. Record keeping of Arundo work was briefly discussed – needs good coordination with Melissa. So far, Linda, Glen and Steve have volunteered for the training.
2. Linda, Glen and Melissa reported on a meeting about the recent designation of a part of the South Llano River as **a Coke Stevenson Scenic Waterway** via a House Bill in the last state legislative session and what does that mean, the history of the Scenic Waterway designation, and the fact that the South Llano as a Scenic Riverway is only temporary. The purpose of this meeting was to gather ideas about how the extend or make permanent this designation, and also how to make more people aware of this bill. State Rep. Andy Murr convened the meeting. There were numerous attendees, from government representatives, staff members of various non-profit hill country conservation groups, and private landowners.
3. Linda: Update on the Wastewater Conservation Coalition, of which the LRWA is a member, included examples of increasing developer requests of the TCEQ for wastewater disposal, both direct discharge and TLAP (land application).
4. Linda: Membership Drive – update – good & growing, total numbers not yet finalized.
5. Andrew requested from Glen the text for recently passed Bylaw amendment, to be posted online.
6. City Council Update (Andrew): Train Mountain permit denied. A new development, the old Bolt ranch, is selling and will likely subdivide. 2,240 acres, NO WATER is believed to be on the property. Discussion followed about general water rights and water availability. A citizen group at the City Council meeting challenged the Council: where is the water study? Re: The Hill Country Alliance has secured a million-dollar grant to do a water study…the City does not appear to be taking action in getting the water study underway.

**New Business**

1. What should we pay the person who compiles our newsletter?

Motion: by Melissa for $200 per letter, second by Nol Approved

1. Welcome Sydney Heap and Zack Bierschwale

**Motion:** Motion by Glen to welcome / nominate Sydney Heap and Zack Bierschwale , second by Nol. Welcome!!

Next Board meet? Eight weeks hence would be July 11.