

Llano River Watershed Alliance Board of Directors Meeting
January 19, 2023, 6:00 pm
Kimble County Museum meeting room, Junction

Attendees: Linda Fawcett, Scott Richardson, Melissa Burnard, Martha Richardson, Andrew Burnard, Blake Leslie, Art Mudge

Absent: Ruthie Russel, Nol Dear

Visitors: Joe Hernandez, Amy Pfluger, Bryan Burrough, Quentin Herbert, and Ross and Maruelda Elliot

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Consent Agenda: *Scott moved, Art seconded, to accept consent agenda, with amended treasure's report, unanimous*

a. October 20 2022 Minutes - no corrections

b. Treasurer's Report October 20, 2022

Scott questioned Melissa about balance and TPWD repayment requirements.

Melissa noted correction needed

An amended treasurer's report was accepted

2. Welcome Visitors. See above. Linda updated visitors on the status of the Waterstone Dam. TCEQ has taken no action on scheduling of public meetings.

3. Glen Coleman was nominated to be new board member by Martha Richardson, Art seconded the nomination and the board voted unanimous to accept Glen as a new LRWA board member.

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.** Scott reported that the proposal had been approved by TPWD and that he had met with Cody Edwards, Park Supt. to go over parameters. Suggested Mike Montagne, TPWD SARP grant administrator should be informed of the approval of the project.

Volunteers will be needed as the project progresses and Andrew suggested creating a volunteer list of interested volunteers.

- **Update on Plans for next workshop** -Scott and Blake will work together on a workshop concept.

b. Arundo Grant Report – Linda and Melissa

- Mapping and spraying will need to continue this year. There is a need to continue to locate landowners with Arundo on their property and to contact them regarding access and spraying. Sub-contractors need to be hired and trained to continue the work in mapping the properties. Glen suggested giving programs to local organizations to find participants. Scott noted all potential contractors should be vetted and all agreed.

- Blake noted that any potential contractors from the Field Station would have already been vetted.

c. Report on Downtown Mural project. – Linda and Martha Martha reported that a committee of LRWA board members, Melissa, Linda, Martha and Glen and community member, Sarito Neiman, have been meeting with Marisa Bruno of HCA to plan for a mural to be painted on a downtown building with the theme of Junction Runs on Water. So far the location has been chosen, Jeremy of Big Seed has agreed to give technical support, Linda is working with JHS art teacher and is collaborating with HS students and generate ideas. Andrew created a link on the LRWA website for the Mural project with the intent to collect donations.

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

Newsletter to come out this week. Linda requested articles for the newsletter and went over some of the topics she is covering which include NDS, Mural Project, NRCS program for community gardens, and water use in Kimble County among others.

f. Update on LRWA Board Participation Policies

Martha reported that all members have signed a Board Participation Policy

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Report on Junction water projects – Andrew

- City of Junction was fined by TECQ for fresh water treatment violations due to a faulty valve
- Junction received Federal grants to chlorinate and aerate sewage treatment

b. Junction and Kimble County are preparing for the partial eclipse this year and total eclipse in 2024.

Randy Millican has been hired as emergency services coordinator

Estimated 40,000 people for total eclipse, many potential problems, especially with water issues and protecting the river. Scott suggested providing signage to help educate visitors to protect the resources.

There will be a planning meeting in the Sherriff's Office on Feb. 16 to discuss some of the plans.

c. Membership Recruitment and annual dues date to be scheduled.

Andrew asked if he should continue to get addresses for landowners along the rivers for the purpose of recruiting new members. The board advised him to do so for the South Llano.

Also might use addresses for those who had Arundo sprayed.

There will be an envelope stuffing session and a date set when all addresses have been located.

7. Next Meeting – March 2nd 2023 location Kimble County Historical Museum meeting room. 6:00 p.m.

8. Andrew moved to adjourn the meeting, Linda 2nd it. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

unanimous.

Submitted by Martha Richardson, Secretary