

**Llano River Watershed Alliance  
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Draft Minutes**

**5:30pm**

**March 22, 2018**

**TTU Junction Pavilion**



**Alliance**

Board Members Present :Holly, Tyson, Ruthie, Emily, Gary, Nol, Tom Arsuffi,  
Guests: Andrew Burnard, Scott R, Preston B, Scott Whitener, Annie Teehan

1. Tour of Exclosures for Riparian Restoration Project
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes...Ruthie motion, Nol seconds-unanimous
4. Treasurer's Report ...\$10,219.35 is current balance. Since last meeting \$26,800 for exclosures, \$350 General Liability insurance...(\$632 remains to be paid for insurance but has yet to be billed)
5. Hour Tracking...In the interest of time, Tyson will email request for volunteer hours.
6. Pending Grants – the three grants (SARP, US Bureau of Reclamation, and National Fish and Wildlife are all still pending. Budget conflict will likely delay grant awards. (Tyson)
7. New Business- Annie Teehan lives on S Llano in Debbie Kistler's old house. She is concerned about the increase in motorized watercraft coming up the river from Town Lake. Kids play in the water and the waves are eroding the banks. She went to City Council meeting, but felt she wasn't successful in asking the City to do anything. She is now preparing a petition to circulate and would like the Alliance's assistance. The Board discussed proposing a no wake zone, which the City is entitled to do. Scott Richardson suggested she approach the Tourism Board. There is also the potential for zebra mussels to be introduced into Junction Lake and the Board does need to work with the City and TPWD to get 'Clean Drain Dry' signs at the boat ramps.

8. TPWD River Access and Conservation Area Project (Preston)  
Alliance will host a river clean up type of activity – Bill TPWD for event. The budget is \$4500. Part of the effort has to be at RACA at CR 150 and parts of paddling trail but could also bring incorporate other parts of the river. Could include water bottles, newspaper ads, food. The clean-up needs to be in spring or early summer. A workgroup was formed to coordinate this event: Emily, Tyson, Scott Whitener, Annie.

9. State Wildlife Grant (Preston)

TPWD wants to support the Alliance through a State Wildlife Grant for 2 years. They have previously done this with Hill Country Alliance. The grant amount is for 100k but needs to have a 35% match of the total budget. Tyson has submitted a proposal on behalf of the Alliance that would fund 8 deliverables: *1) draft a characterization report for the entire Llano River Watershed; 2) update the Alliance Watershed Conservation Plan; 3) host 12 outreach events in Mason, Llano, Gillespie, Sutton and Edwards counties; 4) expand volunteer water quality sampling on tributary streams in the lower portion of the basin; 5) continue to support implementation of the Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan; 6) continue to publish a weekly newsletter stakeholders; 7) inform basin stakeholders of US Fish and Wildlife potential listings of candidate freshwater mussel species; 8) and develop a Guadalupe Bass Education Program that focuses on the need for healthy aquatic and riparian habitats.* Matching funds would come from Alliance volunteer hours, Alliance advertising, reduction in Alliance overhead, reduced consultant wages and travel; budget categories can vary by 10% without the need for an amendment. Tyson Broad would be hired as a consultant for the project beginning in September or October of 2018. He would resign his position as Watershed Coordinator for the Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan. The Alliance would be reimbursed by TPWD. Gary motions and Emily seconds. Tyson recused himself from vote. Passed unanimously. Emily will talk to our accountant regarding necessary paperwork.

10. Paddling Trail Kiosks.

Scott Whitener is working with Shelley Plant to get signs completed. Scott Richardson that the Alliance originally got money for signage through the Tourism Board.

11. SLRSP Birding Festival April 27-29-booth (Scott Richardson and Scott Whitener)

Scott W-Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> is free from 1-4...Last Chace forever...1-2....Beginners Bird walk 2-3...Sebastian 3-4 (15 year birdcall expert) 29<sup>th</sup> is the Big Sit...Vendor Booth available noon to 5 on 28<sup>th</sup> only...Tyson will handle sign up w Scott R by Apr 2- check in on 28<sup>th</sup> by 11 and start setting up main day use area...shade...no electricity...no wi fi---Tech is supplying the van and will have booth there as well. Clientele is birders, visitors, and locals...Tyson will check on material...there will be goody bag that we can donate items to...county is 85...Board discusses adding koozie and flyer as part of goodie bag...Ruthie volunteer to help with booth. Scott R needs volunteers to help with birder id... and Sunday roving volunteer for Golden Cheek Warbler walk. Individuals will contact Scott about volunteering.

12. 700 Springs Tour...

Tour is the same day as Birding Festival. Tyson will check with absent Board members to see if anyone is planning to attend.

13. Museum Display...(tabled)

14. Alliance Officer Positions...tabled as some of potential new officers were unable to attend.

15. Next Meeting 5:30pm April 26 at Paddler's Porch

16. Adjourn