

Llano River Watershed Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

Lum's BBQ-Junction
November 29, 2018
Draft Minutes
5:30pm



Nol, Tom, Ivy, Art, JD, Scott, Z, Andrew, Gary, Emily

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes :Emily moves, JD seconds-approved
Treasurer's Report (Ivy). Current balance is \$1,416.98. TPWD owes LRWA \$6,880 in reimbursement for Tyson's time.
- Memberships (Ivy) Nine new membership (including 2 sponsorships) since last meeting.
- Hour Tracking – Board members provided Volunteer hours to Tyson for SWG Match
- Board Officers – Emily wishes to step down as President and with Koy's departure, the secretary position is open. Emily submits her resignation as President. Scott regrettably motions to accept resignation and Gary 2nds-resignation accepted. Emily nominates Andrew as President with JD 2nd. Motion passes. Scott nominates Emily as Secretary with Gary 2nd. Motion passes.
- Activity Report (Tyson) – Tyson updated Board on activities since last meeting. Focus has been on flooding and producing a report for TPWD on flooding.
- Chamber Memberships – At the previous Board meeting it was discussed whether the Alliance should join the local Chambers of Commerce. Tyson contacted Llano Co Chamber, but has been unable to establish a meeting. Andrew attended Kimble County Chamber meeting; the Chamber is going to have link to our website and will promote our events. It was noted that there are not interested in alternative take out and put in sites for river access.

Tom suggests that this should be a 2 way street with the Chamber joining the Alliance as well. Scott began discussion re how we will handle conflicts re issues, Pilot for example. Z suggests we continue to develop a relationship with the Chamber. The Board moved to table the item for now. Andrew will follow up re future meetings and what one gets for their membership.

- **Wild Game Dinner Report (Andrew)** Andrew and Melissa, his wife, served for a couple of hours at the Wild Game Dinner. Director Connie Booth printed out a flyer about the Alliance that Andrew had provided. About 5% of the attendees were Junction residents.
- **Code Red Flood Warning Information Sheet (Andrew)** At the previous meeting, Board discussed putting together a sheet identifying the different ways landowners and visitors can sign up for weather alerts (Code Red in Kimble Co, for example). No action was taken on this item, but there were discussions that the Board needs to be careful how the information is presented, so as not to be held liable. Disclaimers should note that localized weather events, such as the Columbus Day Flood, may be undetectable via this system and that users should realize that this is a tool to help on the river, but is not 100% certain to provide adequate notification. Tyson will check with Delbert to see where County Judge got grant for the Roosevelt and Telegraph gages.
- **Winter Fish – Trout Stocking (Tony Plutino)** Tony was unable to attend. The item was tabled.
- **No Wake Zone for South Llano (Annie Teehan) (10/1:20)**---Annie was unable to attend, so the item was tabled. It was mentioned that this should also be connected with preventing zebra mussels in Junction Lake.
- **Wind Turbines S Llano (Ruthie)** Ruthie was unable to attend, so the item was tabled. There was discussion re the role of the Alliance in this type of issue. Gary suggests that we coordinate with Devils River Conservancy re there campaign re wind turbines in their watershed.
- **Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership (SARP)** – Tyson was contacted by TPWD and asked to prepare a grant application to SARP for flood restoration on the Llano similar to what was done on the Blanco. The application will focus on constructing a demonstration area, workshops, plant giveaways and site visits. It was suggested that the demonstration be located in a readily accessible site such as the State Park. The RACA sites are probably too remote.
- **Junction Wastewater Sampling** – Previous Board discussions have focused on concerns about the discharge from the WWTP below Junction. The river is green, likely due to the discharge of phosphorous (Z will get a copy of permit). Efforts on this issue need to ensure that we work in collaboration with the City of Junction to help resolve the issue.
- **Future Meeting Events**-Andrew will assemble a working group to coordinate these events.
 - a. Flood prediction and measurements (USGS/NWS/LCRA). This event would discuss how flood forecasts are developed and floods measured. Perhaps two events help in Castell and Junction. Perhaps in January.
 - b. Bulldozing in the North Llano and TPWD Sand and Gravel Permitting. The idea is to hold this meeting in Roosevelt. It was strongly suggested that the meeting

use a format similar to what HCA used for their Sandy Creek event, where the focus is on what the river needs, not don't do this to the river.

The next meeting will be Thursday, Jan 17, 2019 at 5:30pm at Lums. There will be no December meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.