

Minutes
South Llano Watershed Alliance
Board of Directors Meeting
5:30 pm
April 7, 2015



*Hacienda Maria
Native American Seed
Junction, Texas*

Attendees: Art Mudge, Gary
Garrett, Emily Neiman, Znobias
Wootan, Nol Dear, Bill Neiman,
Tyson Broad

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were not available for approval

2. Treasurer's Report

Current balance is \$6,469.93. \$500 check to Upper Llano Soil and Water Board for scholarship sponsorship

3. Membership Report

Scott and Martha Richardson renewed membership as sponsor.

4. Report on Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan

Tyson Broad has been hired to fill Emily Seldomridge's position. The plan is running behind schedule but is scheduled to be drafted by end of June. There need to be stakeholder meetings soon.

5. Discussion of Oasis Fire Workshop

Scott Richardson's written report is at the bottom of these minutes. We still need to get more folks to sign up. Message should be that the fire was an epic event that can now be translated into useful landowners practices.

There is a lifetime of professional knowledge that will be at workshop to assist landowners.

6. Discussion of 700 Springs Tour

*Tyson is going to talk to Frederica to see if we can set up table. Nol made a motion and Gary seconded that we make a donation of \$100 to the Kimble County Historical Museum as a thank you for letting us set up a table. **This is another photo opportunity.***

7. Discussion of annual South Llano River Clean-up

It is suggested that we try to the clean up in conjunction with Octoberfisch.

8. Report from Name Change Roll-out Workgroup

Discussion focused on meeting with Colin McDonald. Collin's suggestion was that a river trip of this nature cannot work in a large group format. It is best if 1-2 and no more than 3 folks did the entire trip. Have staged events along the way. Think about something that folks can sign along the way- Colin had folks sign his canoe. He gave out stickers.

*As a model, Colin used how he cemented relations with the Pueblos in New Mexico to chart his trip. He went in advance to the landowners and followed up with them right before he was coming. Colin got the war chiefs to float with him as he went through the Pueblos. The different Pueblos got into a challenge about how they could out do one another in terms of hospitality for Colin. **Bill is going to visit w/ Scott about the next steps.** In re to the name change: Form 401 is complete; she had to redo it since Walter Curry's name was on the document. Emily's name is now on the document. Form 424 Certificate of Amendment was returned from Comptroller. It would be best if Donnie Coleman could look at it.*

9. Discussion of topics for Newsletter

*We should be sure to get the picture of the scholarship donation. **Nol suggests that we should get some information about the Alliance into next fall's Hunter's Guide.***

10. Update on Natural Gas Pipeline in Mason Co

Tyson alerted Tom Hegar at TPWD about the potential trenching necessary

for the pipeline crossing of the Llano River. If trenching is necessary, it would need a permit from TPWD.

11. Update on proposed dam on Colorado nr Goldthwaite

LCRA has requested a hearing. No information re dates of this potential hearing.

12. Next meeting date

Next meeting is Thursday, May 14th at Hacienda Maria. Start time is 5:30.

13. Topics for next meeting

Tyson is going to contact River Network (which we have officially joined) to see about D&O insurance. Z is going to contact Jessica at Kothman to see what policy might be available-similar to Back Street Players-around \$700. Our current agent proposed new coverage for \$919, but this only covers slander or mistakes that we as board members make. Board decided not to pursue this policy.

From Scott Richardson

Update on the Oasis Pipeline Wildfire Recovery and Restoration workshop.

- Over 20 natural resource professionals met on March 26th and toured the Fox Hollow demonstration sites, the Chuoke ranch site, and the Little Paint creek site.
- Gary and Tyson were both there so they can give you more their input on the day.
- I've attached notes, taken by Megan Bean, Arlene Kalmbach, and Tyson, which cover the land tour and the inside discussion.
- **The current registration number is 46.** A little over half of that number includes folks affiliated with either the various agencies, private consultants, vendors, or SLWA.
- We currently have 9 vendors confirmed and 1 who is supposed to be sending us a name of person to attend.
- The Texas Forest Service said they would try and get 2-3 of their vans here to use.
- TTU might rent us one van, if Tom will drive it.
- Below is the current draft agenda of the meeting on April 18th, worked out at the end of the March 26th meeting with the panel members.
- **Please note that TTU has two other groups there that day using the dinning hall before and after us, so our time line has to be tight and held to.**

Draft Agenda for April 18th

8:30 Check in, had out seed packets, binders, riparian guides, coffee social, vendors, and video of the SLWA Lone Star Stewardship award running.

8:55 Will start the video of the actual fire at Fox Hollow (about 3 mins. long) to

get their attention and get them in their seats.

9:00 Scott gives 5 minute overview of the Oasis Fire and what followed. I'll also have a slide of the South Llano Watershed, with an overlay of the burned area and Fox Hollow drainage.

9:05 Gary introduces panelist with the focus of the discussion being the watershed and how its components, drought, and fire all relate???

Panelist will have 15 minutes each and can use however many slides they wish during that 15 minutes

1. Bill Neiman NAS Components of the watershed
2. Kason Haby NRCS Range management..and how plants relate to the watershed.... how it relates to the watershed
3. Joyce Moore TPWD Wildlife.... and how it relates to the watershed will use photo points over time of the exclosure around the Shin Oak at Fox Hollow
4. Rich Gray TFS Two sides of fire & how they relate to the watershed.
5. Chris Harper FWS How ??? relates to the watershed.
6. Tom Arsuffi TTU How people relate to the watershed???
7. Steve Nelle Con. Stewardship and how it relates to the watershed.

11:00 Explain transportation, restroom break, etc.

11:15 Depart for Fox Hollow.

11:30 Begin on ground site visits. (Timing, movement, etc. will be decided once we have a known number to work with)

1:30 Depart for State Park and Picnic and Riparian lesson.