

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

**Hacienda Maria-Native American  
Seed**

**October 17, 2018**

**Draft Minutes**

**5:30pm**



Board Members Present: Andrew, Emily, JD, Gary, Scott R, Z

Members Present: Tyson

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes – JD motion, Andrew 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Tyson discuss the potential for having every other Board meeting followed by a program for the public.
3. Board Membership Resignations. The Board with regret accepted the resignation of Koy Koffer and Holly Platz as they have both taken jobs out of the community. Z Motion, Scott R 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was brief discussion about the possibility of new Board members.
4. Treasurer's Report \$8,388.52 ...Expenses of \$1,193 for RACA Events, Membership Postcards, Paddling Trail Sign, and meeting attendance. \$2,086 is targeted for the Exclosure project
5. Hour Tracking... Volunteer hours and mileage to serve as match for State Wildlife Grant.
6. Activity Report (Tyson) – Tyson provide activity report via separate report to save time during meeting.
7. Columbus Day Flood Moving Forward ... In addition to providing volunteer assistance with flood clean up (especially at State Park), the Board identified additional ways it can assist with recovery. One is to put together a sheet for the watershed with the different emergency notification networks (such as Code Red in Junction) that could be distributed to residents and visitors, especially hunters. This would allow users to sign up for flood notification networks for their area. Andrew is going to follow up on this effort.

Second, the Alliance should lead efforts to assist landowners with information re flood clean up. Similar to efforts that occurred along the Blanco, the message is to leave flood debris (especially large woody debris) where possible to serve as bank protection and habitat. The Alliance will work to get information out via newsletter, Facebook page and website as well as explore options for putting together a landowner workshop. Tyson will look into this more and start evaluating initial opportunities for land owner workshop: Understanding how a river works, benefits of a healthy

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riparian area, how to read your property, how to protect your streambank are some initial ideas. As part of this workshop or as a separate workshop (see item 2), there could be a presentation on stream gaging and flood forecasting with folks from USGS, LCRA and National Weather Service.

Finally, there was some discussion re the RV Park, what happens to the site in the future, and what role the Alliance might play should the County or City consider purchasing. There may be options re purchasing to protect water supply.

8. **TPWD River Access and Conservation Area Project** -- The Castell event went well with 55 people attending. TPWD is pleased with response from local landowners and have some good options for future RACA sites. Of note, the Alliance did not seem to get any new members or list serve sign ups from the event.
9. **Sandy Creek Event Sponsorship (\$200)** – Alliance is working with Hill Country Alliance to sponsor a Healthy Creeks and Riparian Areas workshop at Sunrise Beach, November 3. This event is a neutral response to the conflict over a proposed sand mine in Sandy Creek. Steve Nelle and Kenneth Mayben (NRCS, retired) and David Riley with Plateau Land Management. It will be made clear at the event that the focus is about what makes healthy creeks and riparian areas and will not be a forum re the proposed mine. HCA has asked us to contribute \$200 to help support the event. Scott motions, Emily 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved. Tyson will attend the event and have a display table.
10. **Ecologically Significant Stream Segment** – At request of Hill Country Alliance, LRWA prepared a resolution for Region J Water Planning Group designating the South Llano River in Edwards County. If approved by the Regional Planning Group AND the Texas Legislature, such designation would prevent state funds from being used to construct a reservoir on that section of the river. Gary move, Jd 2<sup>nd</sup>. Emily and Gary will sign the resolution and Tyson will forward to Region J.
11. **Bulldozing in N Llano & TPWD Sand and Gravel meeting in Roosevelt.** Another potential meeting topic relates to Sand and Gravel mining and motorized vehicles (bulldozers) in public waterways (such as North Llano). This meeting could be held in late winter. Idea would be to have Game Wardens and TPWD and General Land Office personnel discuss the issue.
12. **Oktoberfisch (cancelled)** – This event has been cancelled due to flooding.
13. **Pumpkin Float (likely to be cancelled)** This event has been cancelled due to flooding.
14. **Chamber Memberships**—Tyson brought up the idea that the Alliance might join Chambers of Commerce in the watershed. Board members expressed concern that the mission of Chamber may differ from the mission of the Alliance. The Board decided that members would attend Chamber meetings and report back at next meeting. Andrew will attend Kimble Co, JD will attend Mason and Tyson will attend Llano.
15. **Newspaper Subscriptions...**With Board approval, we will receive on-line subscriptions for Llano, Mason and Rocksprings papers. Already have a subscription to the Junction Eagle. Emily motion, JD 2<sup>nd</sup>.

16. **Membership Drive** – Membership renewal notices were sent. Thirteen renewals to date. More detail at next meeting since Ivy unable to attend due to flooding. Tyson will push for donations/membership via social media.
17. **Bus Talk return trip November 15...** Tyson will be talking about the Alliance as part of VIP Bus Tour sponsored by the Colorado River Alliance. He will be on the Fredericksburg to Junction leg; Emily will give him a ride back to Fredericksburg.
18. **November Meeting ... Meeting will be held November 29 at Lums at 5:30**  
**Potential Items:** No Wake Zone, Sand and Gravel Meeting Roosevelt, Junction Wastewater Sampling, Birding Festival, Paddling Trail signs replacement, Membership Drive report, flooded landowner workshop.
19. **Adjourn at 7:58pm**