

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

**Minutes  
5:30 pm  
July 16, 2015**

*Main Office  
Native American Seed  
Junction, Texas*



**Present: Znobia, Tyson, Art, Gary, Emily  
Bill Neiman (guest)**

1. The meeting began with a gift of appreciation for Znobia Wootan's service as President of the Alliance
2. Approval of Minutes...Gary Garrett moved, Znobia seconded approval. Meetings approved.
3. Treasurer's Report...There have been no changes in fund balance since the last meeting.
4. Timeline for changing name to Llano River Watershed Alliance.  
We are waiting to hear back from Sec of State regarding a stamp...Emily is to inquire about the status from the Sec of State.
5. Discussion of Ideas for Rolling Out Name Change  
This item moved from item 13 with approval of Board.  
The principal idea is that the Alliance will host **quarterly** outings on the river. Participation in these events is likely unpredictable, so participants will arrange for their own boat rentals and shuttles. The unique roll the Alliance's will play in these events is to provide interpretation for that stretch of the river, whether the interpretation is ecological, historical, geological, etc.

Because some participants may be interested in the topic, but unable to participate in the trip, there will be an introductory presentation at the beginning of each trip.

Once the trip begins, there will be regular stops enroute to explain unique features of the river and the watershed. The topics of discussion will be structured to focus on the unique aspects of the river reach, rather than one particular topic, such as aquatic biology. For example, a trip from the Llano River State Park to Flat Rock would, at the beginning, discuss the role the bridge has played in streambank erosion in the park, but also cover Guadalupe Bass restoration, riffle habitat, arundo donax eradication, and riparian exclosures.

A trip from the second crossing to CR 150 could discuss elephant ear eradication and the impact of the Oasis Fire on riparian habitat.

Another aspect of the trip would be to have landowners join the trip to discuss their history with the river and what they have done to improve it. Trash pickup is to always be an underlying theme.

Of note, additional trips might also be arranged for specific stakeholders, whether they are local politicians, school boards, or rotary clubs.

Having press coverage of these trips will also be helpful. There are local articles from local newspaper reporters, to more statewide roles with reporters from the Houston Chronicle,

Texas Monthly, etc. These latter roles would also help address the large contingent of non-local landowners in the watershed.

Timeline for name-change roll-out will follow the mailing of the membership renewal letter. The letter will mention the upcoming 'interpretive' paddle trips on the river.

Cost of the mail-out, including postage is about \$2 each. Folks who join the Alliance will receive a thank-you letter along with a postcard sized refrigerator magnet with a map of the watershed. There was a motion by Gary Garrett and a second by Tyson Broad to allow Emily to have magnets printed at a cost of \$0.85 for 200 magnets.

Other roll-out items discussed include banners, business cards, vertical flags w/ logo. After discussion it was decided to fund these purchases through the remaining Guadalupe Bass Restoration Funds.

Emily is going to send out a list of members to the Board. The Board has until July 24<sup>th</sup> to suggest additional names to be added to the list.

6. Board Insurance.

This item was tabled pending report ...

7. Presentation of Portable PA to Kimble Co Historical Society

The PA was presented to the Historical Society this week.

Frederica Wyatt will mention this contribution in her column next week

8. Report on Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan

A draft of the report to the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board is due August 10<sup>th</sup>. Znobias, Tom Arsuffi, and Tyson are meeting w/ Mayor Hammonds next Tuesday to discuss Urban Stormwater Runoff. Tyson is to send Mayor Hammonds a copy of the Upper Llano Characterization Report

9. Update on Water Quality Monitoring efforts North Llano

This item was tabled pending next Tuesday's meeting with Mayor Hammonds

10. Discussion of Remaining Funds and activities for Guadalupe Bass Initiative

Through the remaining funds, the Alliance will purchase a Pentax water-proof camera with GPS, a Go-pro, Jim Stanley's *Hill Country Landowners Guide* to be distributed to Realtor offices in Junction, Mason, and Llano. Press coverage of the latter event should be secured. It will be suggested to realty offices that the book be distributed to landowners who purchase rural properties.

11. Discussion re Paddling Trail Signs

Inserts damaged at South Llano River State Park have been re-ordered by TPWD

12. Discussion on Name Change Roll Out ideas-see item 5

13. Highway Clean Up

Despite a lapse in response, the Alliance still maintains the section of Highway from the Llano River Field Station entrance to the Junction City Limits.. Four clean-ups/year are required. The next clean up will be in September/October

14. Update and discussion on Junction City Council Meeting July 13  
Council discussion focused on water supply rather than protecting the water quality of the supply. Z, Tom and Tyson will discuss this matter with Mayor Hammonds on Tuesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.
15. Next meeting date  
The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at Hacienda Maria.
16. Topics for next meeting  
Topics for next meeting will include approval for name change from Secretary of State, Schedule for quarterly outings, Board Insurance, Alliance meeting with Junction Mayor Hammonds, Guadalupe Bass Initiative funds, status of Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Program, and Highway Clean-up schedule.