

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

Castell General Store

Thursday, August 23

Draft Minutes

5:30pm



Note: Board meeting will be followed by the TPWD RACA meeting at 6:30

Attendees: Nol, Ruthie, Tyson, Ivy, Gary, JD, Emily, Holly

Guests: Joanna, Melissa, Andrew, Scott, Martha, Kim

1. Approval of Agenda : Tyson pointed out New Business addition. Nol motion/Ruthie 2nd
2. Approval of Minutes : Nol motion/Ruthie 2nd Approved
3. Treasurer's Report: Alliance has received check from TPWD for RACA work. \$4,500. With outstanding balances for dinner tonight and Paddler's Porch shuttle, have balance of \$7,703.82. Note: \$2,086.47 of this amount is for enclosure work.
4. Hour Tracking Tyson request hour reporting via email
5. Board Membership Tyson nominates Andrew Burnard and Scott Richardson to the Board. Nol move, Ivy second. Approved by consensus. Tyson resigns from the Board so as to prevent any possible appearance of conflict of interest since he will be working for the Board. The resignation was 'accepted regretfully'.
6. TPWD River Access and Conservation Area Project
The Board discussed logistics for the evening.
7. Paddling Trail Kiosks and Signs JD Kidwell made and installed the Paddling Trail kiosk for Flat Rock. All three signs are now back up on South Llano.
8. Friends SLS Park Birding Festival (Scott) Scott discussed a proposal with Friends of South Llano River State Park, TTU-Junction, and the Alliance whereby we would co-sponsor the next Birding Festival. There are still details to be worked out, but the agreement is that profits from the festival would be split between the Friends and the Alliance. Ivy as Treasurer, would handle the financial duties and bank account for the festival. Members of both organizations will serve in various volunteer capacities, especially during the festival. A \$1,000 honorarium is to be given to TTU-Junction employee Karen Lopez for serving in the role of coordinator. Guides last year were given \$200 honorarium. A planning group

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made up of Friends, the Alliance, TTU-Junction and the South Llano River State Park will be formed and meeting in September. Scott request a contribution at this stage to cover expenses. Holly moved and JD seconded a \$500 contribution to the Birding Festival. There will be additional funding from the Tourism Board.

9. Texas Master Naturalist Volunteer Fair – The Alliance was asked by Hill Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist if we would like to have a booth at September 12 Volunteer Fair. This event exposes new TMN students to volunteer opportunities. Originally, we had someone to cover the event, but they are no longer available. No one else is available either so we will decline. There was brief discussion that this is not a missed opportunity at this time because we have no upcoming events. TMN volunteers in the past have participated in Alliance projects as Eva Broad and Scott Richardson are both members who can post activities on the TMN events page. Scott agreed to do this in the future in exchange for Eva giving him some tomato plants next year.
10. Ecologically Significant Stream Segment (Tyson)-tabled due to time constraints
11. No Wake Zone/Zebra Mussels on South Llano (Tyson) Annie Teehan brought this matter to the Board’s attention last March. She is gathering signatures for a petition to circulate to City Council and County Commissioners to establish a no wake zone on Junction Lake and upstream. The Alliance has agreed to pass a resolution asking the same to support Annie. The resolution will be discussed at the October meeting.
12. Oktoberfisch (advertising/booth). Fredericksburg Fly Fishers has again asked us to have a booth at Oct 20th event this year. As a thank you for their support, the Alliance will run an ad for \$100 in their brochure. Nol moves, Ivy second. Unanimous approval. In addition, the Alliance is coordinating an event with TPWD and Fly Fishers to have 5 grade Junction students come to the festival site on Friday afternoon to learn about fish habitat and diets, flies, and to learn how to fly fish.
13. New Business: Bulldozers in North Llano. Andrew has had a couple of his neighbors moving material with bulldozers in the North Llano. This is illegal without a permit. He contacted the game warden, Carter Ball, but didn’t get any response. Tyson put Tom Hegar with TPWD Sand and Gravel Permit Office in touch with Andrew. We are uncertain of the response. Andrew planned to send a letter to all N Llano riverside landowners explaining that this is illegal. The Alliance agreed to help Andrew with the process and costs. Nol move, Ruthie seconded. Passed. The Board agreed that the letter should be from a ‘to avoid getting in trouble, we want to make sure you are aware of the law’ approach.
14. New Business : Dams on tributary to Cajac Creek. Tyson was contacted about these new dams and whether they are permitted. Tyson has a call into TCEQ to learn more.
15. Hill Country Leadership Summit Sept 27. Tyson is attending this event. The Alliance agreed to cover his registration fee and anyone else who wishes to attend.
16. No meeting September

17. **October Meeting** will be on the 11th at Paddler's Porch. We will do Highway Clean up starting at 4:30

18. **Adjourn**

19. **TPWD River Access and Conservation Area meeting** was attended by 56 people.

There will be a new RACA site on the Llano above Grobe Crossing on Sept 1. John Botros of TPWD received interest from other landowners along the Llano following the event. This fulfills our grant deliverables to TPWD for this project. TPWD is very pleased with the turn out tonight and with the overall results of the Alliance's efforts.