

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

**Lum's BBQ-Junction
January 17, 2019
Draft Minutes
5:30pm**



Attendees: **Scott, Art, JD, Nol, Ruthie, Emily,
Gary, Andrew. Guests: Tyson and Annie**

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes : Nol move and Ruthie second. Approved
3. Treasurer's Report & Memberships (10/:15). Ivy was unable to attend but pre-delivered Treasurer Report via email.
4. Hour Tracking – While volunteer hours are no longer necessary for State Wildlife Grant, they can be used for other grant proposals.
5. Activity Report – Tyson answered questions re activity report. There was some additional discussion re working with TPWD and fishing groups to track flood recovery of aquatic habitat. There will be an assessment in October to see if natural recovery of fisheries population is occurring.
6. Chamber Memberships-Andrew reported that Connie at Kimble Co chamber doesn't want non-profits to be members, although they will continue to promote our events. It will be important to pre-package event information for distribution by Chamber. JD is going to check policy with Mason; Tyson with Llano.
7. Code Red Flood Warning Information Sheet – Andrew has been working on this. The idea was to put together a flyer that listed what numbers to call/warning notification to sign up for for flood warnings. Given the pending lawsuits re the floods, the Board agrees to simply direct others to existing information to avoid any litigation potential. to do anything...
8. No Wake Zone for South Llano - Annie Teehan discussed her ongoing efforts to establish, but floods have given city and county bigger things to address, so on standby but getting things moving forward again. She has 60 signatures (and counting) on a petition to the City and County to establish no wake zone from Junction City Lake upstream to Flat Rock.. Nol move and Ruthie second that Tyson prepare a resolution for the Board to discuss

potential new hazards from the flood, the paddling trail, and zebra mussels as part of resolution. Annie will send Tyson a copy of the resolution.

9. **Wind Turbines S Llano** Ruthie has been involved with the fight over wind turbines on the Devils R where a Chinese investor (Uka) has bought 140,000 acres of land for wind turbines. Ruthie has also received notice of interest around the South Llano. Could have impact on fragmentation and bats and Devils Sinkhole. Tyson will prepare newsletter article highlighting the work of the Devils River Conservancy and mentioning the South Llano. Tyson will ask Devils River folks to share info. Ask do we want this in our watershed. JD can serve as a resource based on his experience in Mason County and the turbine conflict that existed there a few years ago.
10. **Flood Report and Flood Restoration** Tyson has completed the flood report and shared preliminary drafts with the Board. He sought approval to release the report to the public tomorrow. Approval was granted.
11. **Kinder Morgan Pipeline** – Andrew discussed this issue. It is likely to come through Kimble County. Tyson provided info about landowner activity along other portions of the proposed pipeline. The newsletter will carry information about the pipeline and who to contact re concerns. It is felt by the Board that we don't have the capacity to be a lead on this, but can piggy back/assist efforts of other groups.
12. **LCRA Grant** Tyson mentioned that LCRA has call for community grant proposals twice a year. The next one is the end of this month. There is not time enough to submit anything now, but as the grants have a focus on fire prevention, there might be an opportunity to partner with local groups to present prescribed burn workshops.
13. **Junction Wastewater Sampling** – Z was unable to attend and the measure tabled.
14. **Meeting Subcommittee Report** -JD, Scott, Art and Tyson met before the regular board meeting to discuss upcoming programs. The idea for the April meeting to be held at Roosevelt is to replicate Steve Nelle's riparian health presentation from Sandy Creek. His presentation could be combined with Matt Buckholtz discussing axis deer research. The concept is to have a positive educational message rather than a don't do this type of program. The program could be on a Saturday morning and after lunch at the Back Door Café, go have a field day at one of the properties on the North Llano. Herb Collier who has a place upstream from Roosevelt is a possibility. Tyson will attend the Sandy Creek Riparian field day and provide feed back for our event. We would charge \$10 to cover lunch or perhaps more as some members believe folks get more value from an event if they pay for it. An option would be to get a CAD list of land owners along the North Llano. Andrew would be the lead on the meeting, but will be in Australia most of March.

The other potential meeting would be in February and discuss flood forecasting with LCRA, USGS, and NWS. The meeting would be held in Castell on a weekday evening. There would

be a charge to cover food. The General Store is flexible re numbers of attendees so having a sign up beforehand is not such an issue. NOTE: After the meeting it was realized that putting together this meeting will be problematic with the partial shutdown of the government. Tyson will take the lead on this meeting.

15. S Llano Birding Festival Scott provided an update of the festival; the Alliance is a sponsor. The flood put planning on hold a bit so some of the original goals have been toned back. The attendee goal was 100, but has been dropped to 80. There are 10 different guides who will all get a \$200 stipend. Already there are 50 people signed up. The Alliance and Friends of SLRSP stand to profit \$3-5k from the event.
16. Next Meeting ... Plan was to hold next meeting in conjunction with Castell event. Given uncertainty of event due to government shutdown, Andrew proposed the day after the Board meeting that we hold Feb 21 as a placeholder date, just in case.
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