

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

**Minutes
12 Noon
January 10, 2016**



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1. Lunch from 12-12:30
2. Begin Board Meeting 12:30-1pm
3. Welcome and Introduction
4. Approval of Minutes-skipped
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Membership Report
7. Board Insurance-skipped
8. Status Report Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan-Tyson provided an update.
9. Landowners Guides to Realtors and Talking Points....
Lengthy discussion on this topic. Discussion re disillusionment of landowners from realtors, perhaps use Country Appraiser office...perhaps put together a one pager re talking points...perhaps seek out realtors that share our values and if they want more copies can seek out a Board Member. We should also put a few copies in the Library, put a link to ordering the book on website. A question was proposed that we give county judges 10 copies, as well as the County Extension Agent, Chamber, NRCS-as part of their handouts, GW District....Tom Arsuffi will put together a list of potential recipients.
When we give out the books, ask folks to track who books are given

to...Give out book when joining Alliance. This topic will be discussed at next meeting.

10. Discussion of Next Outing...

Have at Kerr WMA...have to be in March and April...staff available for hike and talk. Hone in on date and agenda. Building is available...Nelle/Birdsong...Offer CEUs? Start looking at dates...check on chamber calendar...who do we want to have as speakers...uplands to river...John Carter...get Jim Stanley...need to include program...eva will contact Jim Stanley...picture of bucks...kitchen and box lunch...Bill Armstrong...carpooling from Junction... Update: Jim Stanley has agreed to participate

11. Meeting with City of Llano...

Tyson, along with Charlie Flatten (HCA) and Chris Herrington (City of Austin) are meeting with City of Llano to discuss concerns and opportunities related to proposed discharge permit.

12. Citizen Institute Rural Design

Carol Neiman with EDC sign on as lead applicant to Citiz. Institute on Rural Design...national endowment for arts and USDA...grant to put on 2.5 day workshop about 'placemaking' and how manage roadways to revitalize and protect sense of place that defines a rural community...opportunity re lead up to workshop and follow up to workshop to let folks know about LRWA work...how to apply design principles for management of community...

13. Next Board Meeting: Feb 18th at NAS

Planning Meeting 1-2pm

- a. Tyson provide Highlights of 2015
- b. Member and Board discussion of potential activities for 2016. This will be an open forum and exchange of ideas.
No formal action will be taken at this meeting.

- Need activities for downstream users-Mason/Llano
- Suggested topic: is Value of Soil...think of it from erosion standpoint rather than driving cars/ bulldozing...tie everything to soil...start putting

this as topic of workshop. Not just one workshop...

- Kayak race...a festival to highlight the River. There currently is no such activity.

- Work w/ State Park: women gone wild...get the Alliance to come speak at park...visitors to parks as a resource...they are the voters...getting literature at state park... Park is planning and designing new HQ...use water from windmill...re creating vanity pod...rainwater model from barn...

- Collaboration with LEAF.... Participation...

- Raingardens at school...signage...

- Keep Junction Beautiful...this event is no longer active. Perhaps revitalize

- Losing story tellers...have event on the river to tell stories...what the river has meant to them...bring it back home. Talk to museum...coordinate with them...oral histories...Andy Wilkerson...

 - Kids concert at park...

 - List of names candidates for oral histories...

 - Fandango of the history...

 - Each grade do a historical event...

- TTU comes up with a theme related to watershed be incorporated into dept...