

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

**Minutes
4:30pm
May 5, 2016**



*Flat Rock & Paddler's Porch
Junction, Texas*

Attendees: Art Mudge, Ruthie Russell, Holly Platz, Znobias Wootan, Emily Neiman, JD Kidwell, Tyson Broad, Gary Garrett, Tom Arsuffi, Koy Coffey...

1. Met at 4:30 at Flatrock Crossing for Highway Clean-up
2. Adjourn to Paddlers Porch 5:30 for Board Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes—Gary motions, Holly second...Pass by consensus
4. New Business—
 - Art Mudge makes motion to appoint Koy Coffey (new hire at TTU Outdoor School) as new director to board. Holly second. Pass unanimously.
 - Tyson mentions that our membership with River Network has expired. Feel that has not been worth the fee. Will not renew...
 - Emily mentions an accident of an 18 wheeler on I-10 eastbound near US 377. TCEQ came as fuel spilled.
 - Znobias had conversation w/ Cody Plumley. He bought property on other side of ditch from Pilot. He has original agreement w/ TxDOT re ditch that is to be for IH-10 drainage only
5. Treasurer's Report: \$7,338.38...
6. Membership Report...Koy Coffey

7. Membership Drive...Goal to have each board member find 4 new members...Tyson will add membership form to mail out for stream restoration since Alliance will be a sponsor. (see item 13)
8. Status Report Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan & Meeting May 12th . Tyson mentioned that with approval at May 12th meeting WPP will go out for public comment
9. TPWD State Wildlife Grant-*item tabled*
10. Report on Spring Outing to Kerr WMA-- April 30...26 people attended the event. Felt it was a good turnout.
11. Preliminary Discussion of next outing...suggested to combine outing with River Festival at State Park (see item 18). Should also include Hill Country Alliance's Water 101 presentation at this event.
12. Wild & Scenic Film Fest w/ HCA- HCA got grant to have this festival. Emily has had preliminary discussions w/ HCA re opportunities... JD will talk with folks at the Odeon Theater in Mason re a possible venue.
13. Stream bank Restoration Workshop June 3 at TTU-Alliance agrees to donate lunch for workshop. Expecting 50 people at \$8/person. Tyson will also contact various Soil Boards for sponsors as well. RSVPs request will be May 30th.
14. Feedback on Landowner Guide Distribution-Art reports that he has distributed books to 4 realtors. One realtor (Bierschwale) wants more.
15. Texas Stream Team Efforts & Sampling Kit purchases - Tyson will be purchasing 2 Core Kits and 2 Advanced kits next week. The cost will be about \$1,200. \$600 has been funded by Mason Community Development
16. "Don't Dump to River" Medallions – Tyson checked on cost of medallions. They are \$600 for 100. The feeling from the Board is that they might be hard to see and signs may be a better alternative.

17. New topic: Possibility of having River History as a topic at the new Museum-item tabled. Znobias is still trying to contact Charles Hagood re this possibility.
18. New topic: River Festival with State Park – Holly is suggesting a date of September 10th at the Park. A scaled down Outdoor Expo. Alliance can cover insurance component of kayaking events. This will be part of the Alliance's Fall Outing. A subcommittee of Holly, Koy and Tom was formed to put this event together.
19. Next Board Meeting will be June 9th at Paddlers Porch-items for next meeting will include Alliance/Paddler's Porch koozies. Also a workshop targeted at realtors and elected officials.