



## TCRFC Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 14, 2018

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Bastrop County Offices, Bastrop, Texas

### Board Members:

- Present:

- Clara Beckett, Chair
- Brenda Retzlaff, Region II Representative
- Marsha Hardy, Region IV Representative
- Linda Raske, Secretary
- Marilee Pfannistiel, Treasurer

- Absent:

- Wayne Boultinghouse,, Vice-Chair

- Vacant position, Region I Representative
- Christy Vaught, Region III Representative

### Others Present:

- Wes Birdwell, Interim Executive Director
- Hannah Quackenbush, Administrative
- Cynthia Birdwell, Recording Secretary

**Quorum Present:** Yes

### Agenda Items:

→ **Call to Order:** 2:00 pm by Clara Beckett.

→ Approval of October Meeting Minutes

- ◆ Clara motioned to approve the minutes
- ◆ Brenda seconded the motion
- ◆ Minutes were approved by vote

→ **Finance Committee Report:** Marilee presented the current financial picture. There were outstanding dues that have been paid. Cedar Park dues are equal to others, signifying that population needs to be updated and dues raised then cities notified in advance. The annual meeting was suggested as the best time to notify the cities of dues raising. March was suggested as the best time to have an annual meeting. It was suggested that when the members are called to update contacts (Hannah Q) they could be notified also.

→ **Office Transfer Update:** Wes and Cynthia picked up boxes, keys, from the TMFA office and it was found that the finances were need to be entered from scratch. Overdue members were contacted. The office phone is 512-419-9420 and the P. O. Box will stay in Cedar Park. Marilee and Wes were added to the bank account. The P. O. Box should be transferred from Markie to TCRFC.

→ **Newly Elected Officials Training:** Wes suggested December 10 and 11 for new electees, upstream in Jonestown. The morning session will consist of definitions, highland lakes and the study that was done 15 years ago. Monday Dec 10 in Jonestown and Tuesday in Bastrop for downstream. We would like to get notice out as soon as possible. Llano needs the newly elected judge to be invited. This is for all elected official and would offer 8 hours CEC. Mike Segnor will offer the NFIP Floodplain 101. It was suggested that 15-20 people would be easiest to host. Half Associates was suggested to pay for lunch. Clara said that Bastrop would be able to host on Tuesday. Is Monday,

December 10 OK with Marilee? We might need to cut-off at 50. Burnet County will have one newly elected official. Jim Luther is new and probably needs to be involved and is willing to serve on the TCRFC board. Ron Cunningham is newly elected judge and might be willing to get involved. Bastrop session will have much more information on the lower lakes. A conflict was uncovered that Monday December 10 is a TFMA training so the date suggested is Friday December 14. Monday/Tuesday December 17 & 18 was suggested and everyone is looking at calendars. Clara suggested inviting the recently elected city councils.

- **Annual Meeting:** March will be the best time for an annual meeting. Brenda and Hannah were asked to check for a room in Bastrop and a date. Clara's team will work on the location and date. Later in March was agreed by all.
- **Finalization of IRS Form 990 for 2017:** Wes reported that the CPA sent forms and they were taken care of and we should be up to date. Clara mentioned that our nonprofit status needs to be checked on that it is still current and in good standing.
- **Legislative Update:** Wes reports that there have been several reports come out and the Coalition has supported a state program going back to 2005. State NFIP Coordinator position was moved to the Water Development Board. Funding was lost in 2005 but came back after the Wimberly flood and got funding established. There is about 9 million dollars to work with. A state flood assessment is on the TWB website. Few people are comfortable with floodplain management (where people build their house) instead of building projects. WDB is recommending 16 million for Mapping, Planning and Mitigation. Flooding problems often cannot be settled locally but needs to be at a larger level. These talking points list the issues and TWDB want all the funds to get new maps. It will be a 6-10 year program to get new maps. TFMA is visiting every legislative office to give talking point and ask for support. A regional planning process needs funding also. There are places for projects but no state funds for them - 18 billion need. Total of 650 million dollars is requested. We would like elected officials in the Coalition to get letters to legislators for support. There is a good report that is easily read. We will want communities to adopt new maps and enforce them. Questions about #7 in attachment. It is wished that counties would have enforcement capabilities. New maps would have 500 year floodplain info that would make it easier to regulate. To adopt higher standards new information is needing. Goal is reduce floodplain damage. TWDB is happy with talking point and senators are happy with them.
- **Website Update:** Cynthia presented the options of moving from Halff hosting to a private host. Lidar is mentioned to get running on the site. Brenda mentioned looking at a mapping software that might be integrated into our site. Wes mentioned that we need to finalize the account with Halff. Wes will draft a letter, send to Clara to send out.
- **Motion:** Clara motioned that we can proceed with moving and updating the website.
  - ◆ Motion was seconded.
  - ◆ Motion approved.
- **Membership Contact Update:** A consistent message is needed, which Wes has provided
- **Executive Director Legal Question:** Clara has not had an update on Wes' position working with Halff. Wes mentioned Mark Rose as a possible ED and Clara will reach out to him.
- **Outgoing Board Member Update:** Clara has talked with James Oakley and is willing to serve. Jim Luther has been reached out to and Commissioner Dougherty, who would talk with Commissioner Gomez, who is considering it. Dougherty would serve if Gomez is not able. New people serving would be very helpful. The voting will occur during the Annual Meeting. Clara said will do a formal invite in January.
- **Next Board meeting:** Linda offered a meeting up at the north in the Llano County Annex on January 10 at 10am.
- **Meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Cynthia Birdwell  
Administrative Support