

Environmental Task Force Minutes for 4/10/07

Members Present: Commissioner Cynthia White, Rich McMullen, Darlene Munger, Elaine Smith-Poyourow, Sarah Hartpence, Mike Sweet, Mike Weldon, Amanda Lehde

Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by Commissioner White. Commissioner White introduced the speaker, Dave Ryburn of the Upper Trinity Regional Water District.

David gave presentation regarding the Lake Lewisville Watershed study and program that is being developed by UTRWD. Interesting or lesser known facts he presented were: City of Dallas and City of Denton have water rights to Lake Lewisville. UTRWD has no authority to force an entity to do anything unless through active contract for water.

There was a discussion of the program and its future with lots of comments on what committee members would like to see. Mr. Ryburn took many of the ideas to consider with continuing plans for the overall program that is currently under development. Darlene suggested the Master Naturalist as a good resource to get information out to the different affected communities including educational resources (schools).

Old Business

A correction was made to the minutes to include the correction to Rich McMullen's name. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by Mike Sweet and Seconded by Darlene Whitten.

Elaine gave a report on the Environmental Projects. 22 sponsors were contacted, as well as 17 chambers, 3 go green organizations, and 17 tree organizations. Sent out 101 press releases and school contacts. She presented the awards for all of the people who sent in entries. Also awards for Denton ISD and Evers Park Elementary. Elaine requested that pictures of the winning trees be posted on the ETF website. She will also be sending out a press release to the same 101 contacts as before to let them know who won. She suggested working earlier if we do this again. Commissioner White suggested establishing a sub-committee at the October 9th meeting. Elaine agreed that this will work and packets can be sent out by November 2007 to keep the same deadlines as this year.

Darlene Munger suggested looking in to the opportunity for the County to encourage and use green buildings perhaps with tax incentives for people. Commissioner White said she would look into the issue and report back to the committee.

A request was made by Elaine to have the Alan Plummer Exec. Brief placed on the website to give information about the watershed program being developed. She also requested that a picture of the watershed sign be placed on the website with a description of what it means when people see this sign in the County.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.