



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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Meeting Minutes

EAHCP Stakeholder Committee

Myron Hess - Chairman

The EAHCP Stakeholder Committee consists of 27 individuals representing diverse interests throughout the region.

Scott Stormont - EAHCP Program Manager

Thursday, December 17, 2020

10:00 AM

Web Conference

A meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan will be held on the date, time, and location stated above.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hess called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Present:

Chuck Ahrens, Bruce Alexander, Buck Benson, John Byrum, Doris Cooksey, James Dodson, Mark Enders, Myron Hess, Cindy Hooper, Melani Howard, Kerim Jacaman, Cindy Loeffler, Glenn Lord, Brian Mast, Gary Middleton, Kimberly Meitzen, Nathan Pence, Ray Joy Pfannstiel, Rachel Sanborn, Patrick Shriver, David Villarreal, and Adam Yablonski.

2. Public Comment

There were no citizens who requested to address the Stakeholder Committee.

3. EAHCP Program Manager Announcements

- 3.1
- Hydrologic Update
 - SAWS ASR
 - EAHCP Budget Reports
 - EAHCP Program Management

Scott Stormont provided a recap of the National Habitat Conservation Plan Coalition Conference and the EAHCP Appreciation Event. Kristina Tolman introduced the EAHCP StoryMaps created by EAHCP Interns Connor Helsel and Claire Carlson. Jamie Childers announced that the amended HCP document was available online to view and download. Mark Enders and Melani Howard gave brief updates on each spring community.

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4.1 Approval of previous committee meeting minutes.
- October 8, 2020

A motion was made by Cindy Loeffler, seconded by John Byrum, to approve the meeting minutes from October 8, 2020 with revisions.

5. Reports

- 5.1 **Receive report from Dr. Kimberly Meitzen on recreational impacts on Texas wild-rice in the San Marcos River.**

Dr. Meitzen provided a presentation on Texas State University research findings on the impacts of recreation on Texas wild-rice. Due to COVID-19 precautions, portions of the San Marcos River access points were under restricted entry therefore, researchers at Texas State University were able to observe Texas wild-rice in an area typically inundated with recreation activity.

5.2

- Receive report from Chad Furl, EAHCP Chief Science Officer, on the Comal Springs Riffle Beetle Work Group.**

Kristy Kollaus and Chad Furl provided a report on the recent cotton lure and Comal Springs riffle beetle (CSRB) population studies. Both studies were a product of the discussions held in the CSRB Work Group.

5.3

- Receive report from David Britton, San Marcos Aquatic Resources Center Deputy Center Director, on the Refugia Program and Research Work Group.**

David Britton provided an update on the Refugia staff and operations at the San Marcos Aquatic Resource Center.

6. Individual Consideration

- 6.1 **Consider staff recommendation to appoint officers for the 2021 Stakeholder Committee.**

A motion was made by Jim Bower, and approved by Committee consensus, to accept the nominations of Doris Cooksey as Chair, Myron Hess as Vice-Chair and Patrick Shriver as Secretary for the 2021 Stakeholder Committee officer positions.

7. Future Meetings

- 7.1 **2021 EAHCP Committee Meetings**

8. Questions from the Public

None.

9. Adjourn

There being no business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Olivia Ybarra
Habitat Conservation Plan Coordinator

This meeting of the Stakeholder Committee of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan complies with Section 7.8.4 of the Funding and Management Agreement (FMA), an interlocal agreement made pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 791 by and among the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA), the City of New Braunfels (New Braunfels), the City of San Marcos (San Marcos), the City of San Antonio acting by and through its San Antonio Water System (SAWS), Texas State University, and the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA).