

Bois d’Arc Lake Watershed Partnership Meeting
Derrell Hall Education Center
7/21/21

Stakeholders in Attendance

Allen Berthold	Jeff McKitto
Amanda Watkins	Johnny Ortiz
Barry Schwartz	Kareyn Helmann
Beverly Herndon	Lee Ellis
Carlos Pardo	Mary Puckett
Claude Caffee	Mary Beth Watson
David Cowan	Miranda Harp
Derrell Hall	Nathan Melson
Diane Wilson	Randy Moore
Douglas Kopf	Ronny Hart
Galen Roberts	Rose Schwartz
Jarrett Tucker	Stuart Hall
Jason Stroup	

Meeting Notes

Presentations were given on the following topics:

- The watershed protection process and the six steps in successful watershed planning
- Proposed chapters in the Bois d’Arc Lake WPP:
 - Chapter 1 – Introduction to Watershed Management
 - Chapter 2 – Bois d’Arc Lake Watershed Partnership
 - Chapter 3 – Overview of the Watershed
 - Chapter 4 – Water Quality
 - Chapter 5 – Pollutant Source Assessment
 - Chapter 6 – Implementation Strategies
 - Chapter 7 – Measures of Success
 - Chapter 8 – Project Implementation
- Defining a watershed approach and characterizing the watershed (chapters 1 & 3, respectively)
- An overview of the organizational structure of the Lavon Lake Partnership group and ground rules

The presentations are available at <https://boisdarclake.org/construction/the-bois-darc-lake-watershed/>

Organizational Structure of the Partnership

Based on previous input received from various stakeholder groups, the county extension agent, the Fannin County SWCDs, and representatives from local and regional governments, Cowan presented a draft list of steering committee members

It was suggested that a person representing a water utility be on the committee. Stuart Hall agreed to represent real estate interests as the owner of Frontier Properties and to represent local water supply utilities as he is a board member for Whiteshed Water Supply Corporation. It was also noted that Commissioner Jerry Magness will serve as the alternate for the County.

It was also suggested that a younger member of the community serve on the steering committee. Examples such as the 4-H Water Ambassador Program, High School FFA, a science teacher (Jessica Womack, Honey Grove was suggested) or local college professor were offered. Cowan will follow up with local education institutions and report findings to the group at the second meeting on August 11.

Stakeholders suggested that a member of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department participate as a member of the technical advisory committee. With the understanding that Steering Committee members could vote to add additional members if an unrepresented group was identified, all stakeholders agreed that the proposed list as shown below represents the desired cross section of the community and would act as the decision making body for the group.

<u>Stakeholder Representation</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Agriculture	Ronny Hart	Fannin SWCD
Business & Water Utilities	Stuart Hall	Frontier Properties/ Whiteshed WSC
County	Judge Randy Moore	Fannin County
County (Alt)	Com. Jerry Magness	Fannin County
Education/Rancher	Nathan Melson	Education
Landowner	Albert Pardo	Citizen
Municipality	Lance Capehart	City of Bonham
Municipality	Claude Caffee	Honey Grove
Nonprofit Org.	Lee Ellis	Bonham EDC

Meeting Times and Locations

Monthly dates were proposed and the group agreed that the second Wednesday of each month was suitable. Participants agreed that the Derrell Hall Education Center would be a good location. Most participants preferred morning meetings.

The Derrell Hall Education Center is not available the second Wednesday in October. It is available on October 29. Honey Grove Mayor Claude Caffee offered to host a meeting in Honey Grove if necessary. Proposed meeting dates are:

August 11
September 8
October 13 or 29 – follow up with steering committee
November 10
December 8
January 12, 2022 – if needed.

Next Steps

The next meeting will be held August 11 at the Derrell Hall Education Center. Agenda items to include:

- Finalize ground rules
- Review and approve Chapters 1 & 3
- Review Chapter 4 & 5

Action Items

- Seek a representative from local schools or TAMU Commerce.
- Provide nine elements of a watershed protection plan as stakeholders
- Refine chapters 1 and 3 based on comments and submit to stakeholders
 - Ensure surface acreage for Lake Bonham is included along with surface acreage of Bois d'Arc Lake in Chapter 2 of the WPP Review and verify rainfall data in Chapter 3.
 - Verify rainfall across the watershed in Bonham vs range for entire watershed (42-45 v 46 for Bonham)
- Draft ground rules to guide partnership organization and operation and seek steering committee approval on August 11
- Confirm October meeting time and location
- Contact Reagan White with Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. about participating as a technical advisor
- Per a request made after the meeting, investigate the potential to support virtual meetings.