

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF WATERSHED SPONSORS

Business Meeting

March 26, 2018

AGENDA

1. **National Watershed Coalition** > Propose donating \$5,000 to the NWC.
2. **TCAWS Membership** > Propose joining Texas Conservation Association for Water and Soil - annual dues of \$500 and possibly donating an additional \$500.
3. **2019 Legislative Session** > Propose beginning discussions with TCAWS and the TSSWCB about:
 - a. State Board Budget > the request for FY 20-21 is due to the Legislative Budget Board this summer. We need to begin working with TCAWS and the State Board to protect the current funding level and see if we can get additional funding for the program.
 - b. Removal of the TCEQ exception for small dams > should TAWS support this?
 - c. Funding for other dam maintenance and repairs > last session LBB recommended that the State Board's Flood Control Program be moved to TCEQ and expanded to allow funding of non-USDA built dams. It died quickly last spring, but the issue will likely come up again as the hurricane showed that dam maintenance and repair is a much bigger issue than just USDA built dams. We may need to work to protect and expand our funding.
4. **TAWS Bylaws** > Propose changing the Bylaws to eliminate the restriction on the number of terms for the Sec/Treas. We may also want to consider allowing that position to receive some compensation.
5. **Annual Meeting** > Propose discussion to extend the TAWS Spring meeting to 1 ½ days and eliminating the fall meeting, adding a small registration fee to pay for dinner and/or breakfast, happy hour, etc. This would take a Bylaws change and could not take effect until at least the spring of 2019.