

Council Creek South Property Owners Association
Annual Meeting
October 23, 2021

The meeting was called to order by the president, Joe Donahue.
Guest speakers were introduced. The first to speak was Jo Karr Tedder.

Jo Karr Tedder, with the Central Texas Water Coalition.,

- LCRA is releasing 292,000 acre feet of water downstream this year for irrigation. This equates to 95,148,492,000 billion gallons of water.
- LCRA is proposing a rate increase for water utilities, local governments, water wholesalers, businesses, industries, and non-irrigation users. The proposed rate increase is from \$145 per acre foot to \$155 per acre foot.
- Downstream irrigators pay just \$66 per acre foot.
- CTWC opposes any rate hikes until the disparity between water customers and irrigation users is addressed.
- Inflow rates of water into the Highland Lakes have dropped drastically. In September of 1942 the inflow was 96,478 acre feet. In September, between 2008-2015 it was 25,098 acre feet. In September of 2021 it was only 9,775 acre feet.
- This is being attributed to large ranches up river being broken into smaller ranchettes and stock ponds and water retention tanks being built. Plus lack of rainfall.

Mike Cummings- Deputy Chief Sheriff of Burnet County

- Joined Burnet County Sheriff's Dept. in 2015
- Sheriff's Dept. has increased manpower, updated technology, increased training and education .
- Burnet County has 53 sworn officers. 25 deputies are on patrol. 4 new deputies have been approved for patrol.
- The ratio of officers to population is 50,000 to 53
- Office Cummings encourages citizens: If you see something, say something. Don't be afraid to call 911 and report
- A question was asked if the increase in short term rentals has caused a rise in crime. He stated that does not seem to be an issue.

CareFlite- Jennifer Barbary

- CareFlite is now located in Burnet County
- They are a non-profit company that provides helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft emergency services
- They will cover costs after insurance pays their portion. If you have no insurance, they will cover 50% of costs. Helicopter emergencies can often cost more than \$65,000.
- A helicopter landing pad is being built in Sunset Cliff.

- Residents in our neighborhood are being offered a special rate of \$25 a year. This covers all members living in your household. If you purchase more than one year, the rates drop.
- If you were not at the meeting and would like a brochure and sign-up form, please email councilcreeksouth@gmail.org and we will help you get the information

ELB VFD and FireWise- Glenn Roberts and Dave Mothersole

- Please call in all burns. The number is 512-756-8080
- When burning, have a water source close by.
- Please call in all emergencies to 911.
- Your street address should be visible for emergency vehicles to find you
- Fire proof your home and property. This means trimming trees that are touching or hanging over your home, clearing brush, etc.
- Know your emergency escape route and have important documents ready to take with you
- Texas A&M Forestry Service will be coming out to reassess the neighborhood

Jim Luther- County Commissioner

- Our LCRA representative for Burnet County is Nancy Yeary, Her contact information is 512-578-3142 or 800-776-5272 ext. 3142
- Burnet County is growing rapidly. County officials are limited on what they can do to limit water usage. Developers must have a water study done for sustainability
- Road work is behind due to damage done by February's ice storm
- Edge work was done on CR 137 and more work will be done, including a new coat of chip and seal. A new culvert was put in at CR 137 and RR 2341.
- New signage will be placed on the roadway. (CR137) Speed limit signs, 20mph, and signage for no parking on the roadway.
- There is signage for no large trucks on CR 137, but trucks still continue to use the road
- Our county contains 752 square miles for ambulances to cover
- 152 miles of county roads in our precinct. Limited crews to work on roads and prices are increasing rapidly due to rising petroleum costs and material costs
- The cost of repaving an asphalt road is \$25,000 per mile, a chip and seal repave costs \$18,000 per mile, and a brand new road costs over a million dollars per mile.
- A question was asked about changing the speed limit on our road to a slower speed. Mr. Luther stated speed limits are set by TXDOT, and they would have to do a study to change any speed limits.
- It was also stated by Mr. Luther that there is a possibility of CR 137 after entering Sunset Cliff could be connected to CR 114

A motion was made and seconded for approval of the minutes from the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Ron Brannan presented the statement of the financial business of the POA. Treasurer's Report was attached to the agenda

- Our community is growing. In 2020 we collected close to \$19,000 in road fees. In 2021 it has increased to close to \$29,000. There are 56 paid members in the POA. The park has been deeded to the POA. We currently have close to \$48,000 in the bank.

Joe Donahue- President

- Reviewed the deed restrictions for the neighborhood
 1. Homes must be 800 sq ft on the water and 600 sq ft off water
 2. LCRA approved septic system
 3. At least one 3 piece bathroom
 4. A kitchen sink
- Please fill out the one page construction request form when building, adding on, putting up a fence, pouring concrete, etc. This is to make sure you are meeting the deed restrictions and not accidentally encroaching on a neighbor's property.
- You must build a home first before constructing a metal building or storage
- No camping on property while constructing
- A neighbor brought up concerns with short term rentals. Asked if our Deed Restrictions could be amended to exclude them. A show of hands was taken to assess interest from people attending the meeting. A majority were interested in excluding short term rentals. The board will explore this further.
- Burnet County has a leash law. If pets are off your property they must be on a leash.
- No livestock may be kept on your property. Chickens were brought up. No more than 4 with no roosters allowed
- Please do not feed the deer. It is creating problems with some homeowners.
- <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/texas-junior-naturalists/watching-wildlife/white-tailed-deer>

Susan Cowan- Update on roads

- Copper is our top priority
- 5 bids have been received to pave Copper. All bids are higher than we have the money to do the work
- It has been 6 years (2015) since road assessments were increased. The board voted to increase road fees in 2022 from \$130 a year to \$150 a year. Some residents wanted it increased more. We cannot increase above a certain percentage. When you receive your invoice you have the option to donate above the \$150.

Lisa Roberts-Election of Board Members

- All board positions will be open in April of 2022
- If you are interested in running for the board, please send a letter of interest to councilcreeksouth@gmail.org
- Include your qualifications for serving on the board
- Please submit by March 31, 2022

The meeting was adjourned.