



Plum Creek Watershed Partnership Steering Committee Meeting

January 14, 2026

10:00 – 11:30 AM

Plum Creek Conservation District

1101 W. San Antonio Street, Lockhart, Texas

Meeting Summary

- The Watershed Coordinator (WC) began the meeting by welcoming everyone and doing quick introductions.
- The managing partner, GBRA, provided updates on the current TSSWCB grant, contract number 22-09. This grant is set to close November 30, 2026; because of the current uncertainty in federal grant funding, a 2-year state grant will go into effect later this year as a stopgap measure to ensure there is no lapse in funding. GBRA plans to reapply for federal funding this summer.
- The WC proposed changes to the ground rules. The proposed changes affect member replacements and additions, the decision-making process, and the quorum. Such potential changes include adding “A new organization or individual must be approved by a majority of existing members. In either event, the Steering Committee will, when practical, accept additional members. Organizations may update or change their delegated Steering Committee Members or Alternates as appropriate with notification to the Watershed Coordinator,” to the member replacements and additions section, adding “Electronic votes will require simple or two-thirds majority of all Steering Committee members dependent on the type of recommendation being made. Comments to TCEQ regarding WWTF permits or renewals do not need a vote but will be sent for a final review before submission. Votes are limited to one vote per Steering Committee entity or individual.” to the decision-making process section, and adding “To conduct business, the Steering Committee must have a quorum. Quorum is defined as at least 51% of the total steering committee, represented in person or by proxy. If a quorum is not met, no actions on major recommendations may take place until a quorum is present.” to the quorum section.
- The WC gave an update on the Keep Lockhart Beautiful cleanup that occurred on November 8th at Lockhart City Park. 38 volunteers participated, and 106 bags of waste were collected.
- The WC gave an update on the Texas A&M Forestry Service Watershed Protection Plan Implementation Grant. The WC applied for the five-year \$50,000 grant in November with the plan to partner with the City of Kyle to complete a riparian restoration project. Grant recipients

will be announced by January 31, 2026. It was noted that another round of funding for this implementation grant has opened with a deadline of March 1, 2026.

- The WC updated the Steering Committee on the Feral Hog Trap Loan Program. Four of the five traps have been installed, and the last one will be deployed at the end of January.
- The 2026 Update to the Plum Creek Watershed Protection Plan included the recently adopted 5-5-2-0.5 effluent recommendation and was sent for review.
- The WC discussed the Caldwell County Justice Center Rain Garden. GBRA led a cleanout on November 10, 2025, removing approximately 25 bags of green waste. The WC is still searching for a dedicated volunteer group. Some discussion was held regarding potential groups.
- The WC shared information regarding social media engagement. Suggestions for contacting a Texas State University class for an analysis. Others suggested sending information to the county or city public information officer and tagging partnering organizations.
- One Steering Committee member and two alternate members nominations were approved.
- The potential to host a Plum Creek Watershed Open House in place of a traditional meeting on April 8th was discussed. The WC suggested potential vendors. The Steering Committee supported the idea.
- The WC discussed upcoming events in the watershed. Events included:
 - Hays County SWCD Pesticide CEU event on February 12, 2026.
 - Riparian Evaluation Community Scientist Training on February 14, 2026.
 - Texas Watershed Steward Program on February 24, 2026.
 - PCWP Public Stakeholder Meeting on April 8, 2026.
 - Virtual OSSF Workshops on April 20 and October 14, 2026.
- The WC also shared the 2026 Meeting Schedule. Meetings are tentatively scheduled for April 8, July 8, October 14, 2026, and January 13, 2027.

Next Steering Committee Meeting: April 8, 2026

Location: TBD

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