***TRBN Steering Committee Call – Thursday, September 26, 2019 – 10am EST***

Attendees: Gillian Bee, Shannon O’Quinn, Duncan Elkins, Danny Sells, Rob Bullard, Stuart McGregor, Kat Diersen, Andrea Leslie, Elizabeth Smith

\*\*\*Ensure president and/or vice president and secretary are able to attend each call

\*\*\*Next call Tuesday, Oct 15, 1:30-2:30 EST (second Mondays going forward, 10/14 is a holiday)

* NRCS (Nature Conservancy) funding for webpage via wix.com beginning early October
	+ TRBnetwork.org – purchasing the domain for network use
	+ Resource Collection – ArcGIS Online (HUB) – platform allows map creation
		- Will include link on Wix webpage
* Outline website content (Jana, Elizabeth, Duncan)
* Steering Committee to review prior to public release
* Clemson Update
	+ Dr. Brandon Peoples; Fisheries Ecology
	+ Host TRBN coordinator’s position
	+ Connect with Shannon
	+ Provide knowledge within the Basin
	+ Clemson will continue to host the organization; provide Webex, ArgGIS, conference lines etc.
* Annual Meeting
	+ Kendra/TCF will provide summary report of annual meeting
	+ Steering Committee will discuss report once received
* NRCS Award
	+ 1-year funding
		- Will re-assess funding after 8 months to determine if NRCS will funding years 2 and 3
		- Sub-award to Clemson for Gillian and other items
		- WAY TO GO, KAT AND DANNY
		- TVA, Freshwaters Illustrated, Defenders, TNC, TN Dept of Ag all wrote letters of support to NRCS
		- 4 training events/film screenings – one in each NRCS area within the TRB geography
			* Decide on topics pertinent to each NRCS area
		- Surveys to measure success
		- Resources towards landowners and conservationists will be added on TRBN website
		- Next Steps – form workgroup; present at Dec 3 NRCS mtg
			* Area biologists should be involved in workgroup
			* Robin Mayberry - state biologist
* Funding
	+ Remaining funds needed ~$18k ($77k total needed; have $59k)
	+ TN Aquarium unable to provide fiscal support at this time
	+ Partners currently in communication with:
		- * + USFWS
				+ NCWRC – as of 9/30/19 – no funds available currently
				+ TWRA
* Partners we need to communicate with:
	+ Freshwaters Illustrated
	+ VA DGIF
	+ Alabama Dept of Conservation Resources – Stuart will get Gillian connected
* Monthly call – 2nd Monday of each month, 1:30-2:30 EST
* Future discussions – we will be discussing these items via email or on upcoming conference calls.
	+ New Steering Committee members
	+ Action Plan
	+ Annual Summary Report
	+ Webinar Topics – TN River Line – what else for the coming year?
	+ Meeting location for 2020 (In Chattanooga)