***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)