

**SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: December 4, 2011

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors

Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall

Call to Order: 6:04 PM

Members Present: Board: Susan Beavin, S. Duthie, Ron Green, Frank Madla III, J. Nottingham, L. Hawkins, R. Reinhart. Others: D. Darst. J. Shockley, M. Dela Garza

Declaration of Quorum: established

Approval Minutes: October 30, 2011

Secretary Report: none

Financial Report: Previously circulated via email.

Citizen Comments: none

Subcommittee Reports:

Safety/Security: Laurie Hawkins –no report

Biological: Laurie Hawkins – walk about with Paul Cox and Patty Leslie Pasztor re: review/survey of plants on site; expressed interest in concept of partnership

Historical: S. Beavin – no report.

Fundraising: F. Madla – \$5000.00 received from AT&T.

Earth Science: R. Green – R. Reinhart and Ron Green will consult with Grey Forest utilities re: assessment of needs and coordination with City of Grey Forest as appropriate. R. Green will seek additional info re: cost of digging well deeper and making it functional. Current authorization of \$5000 (Minutes: October 30, 2011) reaffirmed.

Project Planning Manager Report – D. Darst - Bids due on December 6, 2011 and will be followed by interviews of bidders starting December 8, 2011. Interviewers will include Don and several Madla BOD members (to be determined based on availability). Construction road will need to be laid prior to construction to allow for base for heavy vehicles (e.g. concrete trucks).

Motion: Allocate \$6000 for construction road with #2 base, spreading, and silt fencing (L. Hawkins, second: F. Madla). Passed.

Since area of construction is small, the Texas Pollution Discharge Elimination System-General Permit for Construction, with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality may not be required. L. Hawkins will check on this (follow-up email attached).

Old Business

- Report of progress on Frank's 'to do' list
 1. Front gate/entrance – J. Nottingham. In process of getting estimates for entry area, including name tiles. Footings for entrance will need to be constructed separately. Rough sketch of possible plan previously distributed.
 2. Trails - L. Hawkins – in progress; discussion of relationship of trailheads to pavilion location and signage needs.
 3. Bathrooms/porta-potties – discussion of need to insure privacy and aesthetic aspects in placement. Get K. Cunningham to check.
 4. Opening date – need to request extension from TPWD so as to have opening date in fall; CGW restrictions will result in inability to complete final preparations by July. R. Reinhart will send letter.
 5. Benches – discussion of possibilities.
 6. Clean-up work day – J. Nottingham. Scheduled for 12 noon – 4 pm on Sunday, January 15, 2012 with rain date of January 22. J. Shockley checking on getting master naturalists as volunteers and authorization for master naturalist hours.

New Business:

- Future Meetings:

Tentative: December 11, 2011 3:00 pm to view natural area and make final decision on bids. L. Hawkins will coordinate.

Adjourn: 7:40 pm.

Attachments: email from L. Hawkins