

Senator Frank L. Madla, Jr. Natural Area  
Board of Directors Meeting minutes

Date of meeting – March 25, 2012

Place of meeting – Grey Forest City Hall

Time of meeting – 6pm

Board Members Present – Susan Beavin, Jennifer Nottingham, Ron Reinhard, Ron Green, Kyle Cunningham, Frank Madla, Storms Duthie. Others present – Don Darst and Linda Darst

Meeting was called to order 6:17 PM. Quorum declared.

Approval of minutes as read – Motion by Jen Nottingham, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Storms Duthie.

Financial report – Reviewed, Well repair will run approximately \$4,000. Ron Reinhard will check with GFU. The Madla Conservancy will be giving the Madla Park Account approximately \$6,000. Revenue on hand \$10,955.86. Submission to TPW for \$82,676.19 submitted. Ron Reinhard will follow up with Coyle Engineering regarding the \$2,000 they were to refund to Madla Park.

Subcommittee Status: All activities since the last Board Meeting

A. Safety/Security –Biological Management – Laurie reported that this will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of surveys in accordance with FWS protocol. The two previous year surveys have been filed with TPW. Dates for surveys are March 9, 7:30am – 10am, March 17, 9am – 12pm, April 6, 7:30 – 10am, April 21, 9am – 12pm and May 4, 7:30am – 10am. It is best if there is not a lot of activity onsite while surveys are being conducted.

Trails – We will need to send an updated trails map with the Quarterly Report showing the status of the pavilion, entry way, drawing of drive ways, etc. Ron Green will check with Raba Kistner to identify boundry lines on the current map.

B. Newsletter – Susan Beavin will submit suggestions to Susan Oualline and letter will be printed and mailed with Grey Forest City Newsletter.

C. Fundraising – Frank reported he will need a report of Total monies raised by May 15<sup>th</sup>, Don will provide. Helotes Heritage Society has set aside \$6000 for the development of the Jon Allen Trail.

D. Earth Science – Ron Green will get Story Board prices and take care of trail map updates.

E. Project Planning Manager Status Report – Don Darst - discussion during Old Business section.

Old Business:

A. Clean up area around the pavilion- Ron Green made a motion the we get the junk removed from around the pavilion not to exceed \$1500. Second by Storms Duthie. It was agreed that we take care of the mulch and road during the August to October time frame.

New Business:

A. Frank will get samples of the paver bricks from Alamo Pavers and provide samples at City Hall for the board to look at. It was suggested that we buy a number of pavers and rotate them as we get them engraved.

B. Jen will check with Michael VanBuskirk regarding planning for the native garden to border the pavilion. Don Darst will sketch out the location. Jen will plant a Burr Oak near the pavilion on April 29<sup>th</sup> prior to the board meeting.

C. Trail Day – Laurie is cleaning up the Jon Allan trail. A trail day will be planned around the Bird schedule. Frank will email Laurie to determine the right time to plan the Trail Day. It was discussed that we need to walk the trails to identify where signs should be placed. We will check with TPW to see where and how their signs are being made.

D. Kyle will check with Andy Winter regarding the Road Modification Entry to the park and repairs that need to be made.

E. It was recommended that Don Darst be considered for a Board Position to replace outgoing Board Member Laurie Hawkins. Ron Green made the motion to “Recommend without Reservation placing Don Darst on the Board”, it was seconded by Frank Madla and will be presented to City Council.

Next Meeting – April 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM for Burr Oak Planning, meeting to follow.