

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

Date of Meeting: January 26, 2014
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ **Meeting Called to Order** - 6:06 PM by Frank Madla
- ❖ **Recording of Board Members Present** – Susan Beavin, Kyle Cunningham, Jennifer Nottingham, Ron Reinhard, Ron Green, Don Darst, Frank Madla
- ❖ **Declaration of a Quorum** - *yes*
- ❖ **Secretary's Report** – December meeting minutes accepted with one change. Motion by Don Darst, second by Kyle Cunningham, all approved.
- ❖ **Financial Report** – Financial sheets were not available for this meeting.
- ❖ **Project Activities Cost Sheet (TPWD Worksheet)** – created by Don Darst to keep a running balance of monies spent and balances left for each area.

Toilet/sanitation - There was some discussion regarding the cost of the original type of proposed versus the type now used at the park.

Underground electrical service - This was changed to have GFU provide gas service to a generator which will provide electrical service to the pavilion. Jen reported the location of this generator. Ron stated the cost will be approximately \$16,000.00, rather than the \$18,000.00. listed on the Sheet.

Security – Mitch Thornton was asked to attend to provide information on some security options. He discussed the Micropower Helios – IR/Solar Camera and its components. Brochures were provided Board members. The use of our current security cameras was also discussed. Mitch will return next meeting with more information and costs.

Ron R noted that he will be contacting TPWD to let them know that the park will *not* be completed by April.

- ❖ **Sub-Committee Status:** All activities since the last Board Meeting

Safety/Security – (above)

Biological Management – See New Business Prescribed Burn item below

Historical – Susan Beavin – no report

Fundraising – Dr. Frank Madla - Mary Mabry will send Don Darst the financial information; the website changes are almost complete; and Shannan has a location in the City Hall office that the Madla Conservancy may use.

Earth Science – Ron Green - no report

Trails Committee – Jen Nottingham – Trails committee including Susan Beavin and Ron Green placed all but two trail signs; determined what signs are still needed; and met with Chris (GF Public Works) to determine where the sign posts need to be placed. Chris stated that he could secure the post-hole digging equipment for \$135./day. He was given permission to go forward on this rental. The process for making the remaining needed signs was reviewed and Susan will email Frank and Ron G the names and number of signs and which vectors are still needed from David McDermott.

Landscape Committee – Storms Duthie – A workday is scheduled for Feb. 22, 2014 and storms will take care of the sign at the gate for this. Ron R will include this information in the Grey Forest Newsletter.

Discuss and take action (if necessary) on the following topics:

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1. Old Business:

Madla Cottage Status Report - Storms reported the Cottage is mostly complete with the exception of the burglar bars.

Signage update – Fossil sign – Ron Green – David MacDermitt Ron Green contacted David in regard to the status of the Fossil sign. We will need to mark Ward's Walk before it is made.

Newsletter – Susan Beavin - Susan created the two-page Newsletter to be included in the 2014 General Newsletter being sent out by the city. Frank corrected his contact phone number. Susan will send the correction to Ron R.

Fundraising – It was decided to hold a first annual fundraising event at the end of September 2014. Frank's book on his father should be completed by that time, and he will contact a caterer re wild game. Several Board members have Wild game contacts, as well. It will be best to hold the fundraiser at the pavilion and take people up to the cottage to show them the plans for the wood cottage and funds needed.

Historical Structure – ARTCO wants to know how much we have to spend before giving us an estimate for our renovation plans for the wooden structure. The Board approved \$2,000.00 for the disassembly and storage in the well house of the graffiti section of the wooden cottage, and replacement of the well-house door. The motion was made by Ron G and seconded by Jen. The motion passed.

Committees to help with maintenance, fundraising, etc. – no discussion

Cottage Rental – Susan brought copies of the SLPC Rental Agreement and suggested we have a small committee to work on this for future usage. Kyle suggested we make decisions on a case-by-case basis.

TPWD Worksheet to track Expenses – See above

2. New Business:

Discussion regarding Madla Conservancy plans for future –discussed above

Discuss date for Spring Work Day – February 22nd 8am to 11am scheduled

Updates regarding Prescribed Burn – Jennifer reported that Wendy Leonard has spent numerous hours preparing for the event. Jen met with the Grey Forest Volunteer Fire Department today to review the process and Shane Reddout, the Fire Chief, has his plan in place. Neighbors of the park have been notified and Rom Green suggested putting the information on the City marquee. The date is set for Jan 31, 2014. Jen will be the primary contact person for this event and all emergencies, and Storms will be second.

Discuss list of needed items for park cottage – these items were reviewed. Ron Green has fireplace equipment to donate..

Discuss security, loss of cameras, etc. – See above

Items to include on March agenda:

****Remind Mitch Thornton to present a more detailed cost of video camera cost and options of the Security Camera at next meeting.**

****Fund Raising – Frank to find out about caterer for fundraising event at park**

****Fossil signage – Ron Green to contact David McDermott regarding adding Ward's Walk to the signage and ask about the blazes and brochures.**

****Historical Structures – Storms Duthie will contact ARTCO re the \$2,000.00 work on the wood cottage and well-house door.**

****Committees that can help with maintenance, fund raising, etc**

****Discuss rules for renting the Cottage, cleaning deposits, etc. Helpful to see how other Natural area conservancies are handling this.**

Adjournment Motion by Frank Madla with second by Ron Green to adjourn at 7:30pm