

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

Date of Meeting: February 23, 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** - 6:00 PM by Ron Green
- ❖ **Recording of Board Members Present** – Susan Beavin, Kyle Cunningham, Jennifer Nottingham, Ron Reinhard, Ron Green
- ❖ **Declaration of a Quorum** - *yes*
- ❖ **Secretary's Report** – January meeting minutes accepted as presented
- ❖ **Financial Report** – February Financial Statement was reviewed. Jen stated that she will check with Rick Stone regarding installation of the plaques on the plinths to determine if he donated his time or if he needs to submit a bill.
- ❖ **Sub-Committee Status:** All activities since the last Board Meeting
  - Safety/Security** – Mitch Thornton was in attendance to update his report on the proposed security system. He presented each Board member with his Choice Alarm Quote package. There was a lengthy discussion about the details of the security components. Note that Kyle suggested we keep the 90+ year old flagpole. He will report back to us on the camera software price. Motion #1 Ron Green made a motion to spend up to \$12,000 with a 25% contingency on the proposed security system. Jen seconded the motion, which passed. We will need an invoice for this work. Jen noted that Ranel from GFU stopped by the Park regarding the generator and cage surrounding it.
  - Biological Management** – The Prescribed Burn was very successful. John Chaffee has sent pictures, Which have been forwarded to the Board. Jen stated that the Cow Bird trap is in place. It was decided not to place the chain across the entry road, as previously planned for the Endangered Birds season. Laurie Hawkins had reported that the birds are used to car traffic, so entry to the Park will continue in the same manner. Jen will double check with Laurie to be sure. Jen also stated that control of the Malta Thistle was turned over to Volunteer Madeline McCloskey.
  - Historical** – Susan Beavin – no report
  - Fundraising** – Dr. Frank Madla and Don Darst were not present for a report.
  - Earth Science** – Ron Green - no report
  - Trails Committee** – Susan reported that there were a lot of cigarette butts next to the first plinth on the East Bend Trail. Susan will check signage regarding smoking on Park grounds. Chris Mikel has installed all of the cedar posts, and will be installing the metal posts. The remaining signs and two new vectors have not been made. There is still a concern over the Park neighbor's trail near the cave. Several options were discussed. We will attempt to pile brush to deter visitors from hiking in that area, and see if that works before attempting any other option.
  - Landscape Committee** – no report

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

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**1. Old Business:**

**Madla Cottage Status Report** - Storms reported he is waiting on the burglar bars. As for other work ARTCO has done since the last Board meeting: Demo one of the Outhouses: Renovation of the other Outhouse; repair of the Pump House – all of these on page 2, sent by Storms to the Board.

**Signage update – Fossil sign** – Ron Green – David MacDermitt no report at this time

**Newsletter** – Susan Beavin – these were sent, but still need to be delivered to neighbors of the Park.

**Fundraising** - no report at this time

**Historical Structure** – discussion regarding steps to be taken regarding this structure. The only

agreements were on taking down and rebuilding the west side, being careful to preserve the historical graffiti”, and taking down the east side, possibly restructuring this section as a pavilion.

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

**Cottage Rental** – Susan reported that a San Antonio group is reworking their rental agreements and we will look at their results to gain ideas.

**TPWD Worksheet to track Expenses** – no report

## 2. New Business:

**Discussion regarding Madla Conservancy plans for future** –discussed above

**Spring Work Day** – February 22<sup>nd</sup> 8am to 11am was very successful with 16 Volunteers and George Casey providing sandwiches from his Bistro Food Truck.

**Updates regarding Prescribed Burn** - (See above under Biological)

Discuss list of needed items for park cottage – Storms needs two 6’ or 8’ tables. Motion #2 Jen made a motion to authorize Storms to spend up to \$150.00 for the purchase of these two tables for the Cottage. Kyle seconded the motion and it passed.

**Discuss security, loss of cameras, etc.** – Mighty Mule Automatic Cable Gate Lock. There was much discussion regarding unauthorized vehicular use of this road. Laurie Hawkins told Jen about the Mighty Mule Lock as a possibility. Jen noted that these can be purchased at Tractor Supply. Several other suggestions were made and it was determined that Storms will ask Police Chief Bejar what he wants, before any purchase or change is made.

Storms stated that the keypad on the Cottage front door is broken and he has been using the chain to secure the door. Motion #3 Susan made the motion to authorize Storms up to \$500. for a keypad lock for the front door and three additional combination locks for the burglar bars. Jen seconded the motion and it passed.

**Update Volunteer Form** – Susan reported that the Volunteer Form had been updated to include Sign In/Out Times. She also stressed that although it is a lot of paper – one signature per Form, the Form is standard for most organizations.

### Items to include on March agenda:

- \*\* Ron R - remind Mitch Thornton to report on camera software.
- \*\* Frank - Fund Raising – to find out about caterer for fundraising event at park
- \*\* Ron Green–to contact David McDermott regarding Fossil signage ; Ward’s Walk and Millie’s Place vectors; and ask about the blazes and brochures.
- \*\* Storms – Purchase tables, locks; ask Chief Bejar what he wants re authorized vehicle only road
- \*\* Jen to check with Rick Stone regarding installation of the plaques on the plinths and with Laurie Hawkins re the Endangered Birds and Park entry
- \*\* Susan to check on SACS new Rental Agreement
- \*\* Committees that can help with maintenance, fund raising, etc
- \*\* Discuss Key Safe to be purchased, then located at the Cottage

Adjournment Motion by Ron Green with second by Susan Beavin to adjourn at 8:00 pm