

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

Date of Meeting: March 29, 2015
Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Meeting
Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall
Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ Meeting Called to Order - by Ron Green at 6:08PM
- ❖ Recording of Board Members – Ron Green, Storms Duthie, Kyle Cunningham, Jennifer Nottingham and Susan Beavin
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum - Yes
- ❖ Secretary's Report – The minutes were approved as written
- ❖ Financial Report – None available at this time

Discuss and take action (if necessary) on the following topics:
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1. Unfinished Business:

Ron Reinhard: absent; no report submitted

Ron Green: Fundraiser Results including Silent Auction –\$4,602.18 cleared plus a check for !00. from Mike Lewis. Ron sent Thank You notes to donors. We need a list of Silent Auction winners with items and amounts received for each.

Jen Nottingham: Trails Committee – Vegetation Needs: Seed planting; donation for trees – we will check with Laurie Hawkins Balcones Invades' request for \$100.00 - Jen will ask Shannan to cut a check to the Invaders.

Ron Green suggested having an Eagle Scout take on the project of mapping the Arundo – possibly Doug Young – then submit an application to Bexar County for a grant.

Frank Madla: Benches – Update – nothing current. We had a past email from Frank that he had addressed the problem of the benches/table with Rodney. Susan will email Frank and ask progress, as well as stating that the Board would like a full refund for this project. Signage – Update – Frank was checking to see if he could use the reverse side of the misspelled signs.

Don Darst: Madla Conservancy Website – updates - absent; no report

Susan Beavin: Cottage Rentals- the Board feels that usage of the Cottage by small groups without a treasury would be good PR and we will deal with these on a case-by-case basis. Storms noted that Rainbow Gardens has stone benches for \$249. We still need one for Bill Ward. We discussed other types of benches, such as the ones at Jupe Mills - \$349 picnic style – 8' x 6'. Beau Wilson will be making a cedar bench for the Park. Susan sent a letter to Mark Pritchett, a former tenant of the Cottage, to garner more history of the property.

Storms: March 7th Work Day results – There were at least 20 volunteers and much was accomplished.
Cottage Propane and Water – Propane leak fixed; Chris will turn on the water.

2. New Business:

Future Fundraiser Ideas: “A Walk in the Park with Laurie Hawkins” - fall; Learning the Geology of the Edwards Aquifer with Stuart Birnbaum” – spring. The Board discussed these ideas, as well as a PPP on the Scenic Loop – Boerne Stage – Toutant-Beauregard Historic Corridor, and a PPP on the history of Madla Park. Cost \$50.; Patron status \$100. – momento & recognition; live auction.

Storms will work with James Swisher on the following projects: Cottage Entry Road – need “cut outs” on the road – 2nd priority; improving Surface Run-off in Pavilion Parking Lot – 3rd priority; improving Surface Run-off and Stabilizing East Bend Trail, where it crosses the Creek but we need to confer with Laurie Hawkins on this matter, as she has some specific suggestions. This needs to be done by fall, at the latest. This will be first priority. A 4th priority will be finishing the slab next to the Cottage.

Exploring Opportunities for Additional Lands: 33 acres; connector land with Madla & Rancho Diana – The Board discussed these possibilities.

Misc. – The Board discussed adding Executive Session to the agenda for future meetings

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by Ron Green at 7:38 PM
Susan Beavin, Recording Secretary