

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

Date of Meeting: April 30, 2017

Type of Meeting: Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Place of Meeting: Grey Forest City Hall

Time of Meeting: 6:00 PM.

- ❖ Call to Order – Ron Green called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
- ❖ Recording of Board – Ron Green, Ron Reinhard, Susan Beavin, Storms Duthie, Bill Hoover, John Chaffee, Matt Baker and Jennifer Nottingham.
- ❖ Declaration of a Quorum – a quorum was present
- ❖ Secretary’s Minutes of 26 March 2017 were approved as amended.
- ❖ Financial Report – Brief discussion reviewing accurate status of finances and the reason for the previous error. There was discussion that in the future we will remove the Income section of our Financial Report, as these records should be kept by the Conservancy.
- ❖ Conservancy Report (Bylaws, Board, etc.) - No report

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

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See below -Review Fundraiser details – (This was taken up before Reports)

1. Reports

- Biological Management – Several Board members and one volunteer attended last month’s work Day. The next workday will be 20 May 2017. The Board agreed that there should be a sign on the fence-line by Eastbend Trail which reads “Private Property on both sides. It will be placed high enough so as not to be a hazard. Jen reported that the Horse Herb is doing well. We decided to not pull the Johnson grass, but cut it; Elaine is checking on alternate methods to eliminate it. Elaine, Jen and John C will work on this.
- Cottage – Storms reported, and others were aware, that several of the Darst family members would like to have a concrete bench placed on the Madla hilltop as a tribute to Linda Darst. The family will take care of all details, but felt they wanted the Board permission for this placement
- Trails – We still need a marker for Bill Ward and Jen will have one made for her mother. Both will be applied to existing boulders located along the trails..
- Technical – Susan noted that this year’s minutes were not on the City website, but John isn’t in charge of this. We will have Elaine send all 2017 Minutes to Ron R for the City website.
- City Police Department – No report.
- City Public Works – No report.

2. Unfinished Business

- Discuss concerns surrounding hammocks being hung near the cottage – Nothing to report. The GFPD are monitoring the situation.
- Discuss and act on request by the City of San Antonio(COSA) to conduct a pilot study to analyze the use of drone technology for conservation easement monitoring at the Senator Frank L Madla, Jr Natural Area. COSA decided this program is temporarily on hold. Jen made a motion to authorize any future use of this pilot program. The motion was approved. Jen will send an email to Ron R who will contact Susan Courage.

3. New Business

- Review Fundraiser details – (This was taken up before Reports.) There is no final total, yet. The Silent Auction generated approximately \$3,330. \$500. Still to come from Raba Kistner. Approximately \$1,315 was purchased through PayPal through the website, but there were many people who paid at the door. We unanimously decided we would like Brenda Reinhard to be in charge of Madla Fundraiser Development for future fundraising events. The Board selected 4 March 2018 as the next major fundraiser date. Storms will coordinate with Scenic Loop Café.
- Discuss and act on recommendation to appoint Board members for the positions held by Susan Beavin, Bill Hoover and Storms Duthie. Jen made a motion to appoint all three members for another two year term. The motion was approved.
- There was discussion regarding naming of the Madla Pavilion after Linda and Donald Darst. Jen will check with Don Darst. This will be added to the next agenda for action.

Executive Session – The Board retired to Executive Session at 6:59 PM and returned at 7:11 PM. No business was conducted.

Adjournment - There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Susan Beavin, Secretary ProTemp

The Board may close the Meeting and hold an Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, which permits closed meetings pursuant to Section 551.071 for the purposes of consulting with its attorney, Section 551.072 – deliberating about real property, Section 551.073 – deliberating about gifts and donations, Section 551.074 – deliberating about personnel matters, Section 551.075 – deliberating contracts and Section 551.076 – deliberating about security devices, to discuss matters as Executive Session matters in this agenda.