

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

ESD 8, 18515 SCENIC LOOP RD, GREY FOREST TX 78023
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON at 6:03 PM
- II. RECORDING OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT- Storms Duthie, Jennifer Nottingham, Kate Feist, Anne McCarthy, Kelly Dawson, Susan Beavin, and Chris Porter
- III. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM
- IV. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS- see IX, section 2 below regarding the bird blind presentation by Myles McIntire.
- V. DISCUSS AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES- the board approved the August meeting minutes with minor amendments.
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT- Jen asked whether the city has been paid all owed amounts as of 2021. Kelly states the expenses are paid up through Q3 2021 and a \$300 credit is owed back from the city. The credit will be applied toward any funds owed in Q4 2021. There was a question about whether an additional credit is owed, beyond the \$300 previously stated. Kate asked how the board can be sure how much is owed back from the city. Kelly states she will review the books. Storms states he had called all the vendors to verify they were being paid. Apple Pest Control advised they had not been paid since June. They have since been paid. Storms advised Anne has gotten the website running and it successfully processed a donation via PayPal. Jen states the Grey Forest city clerk, Miguel Cantu, has told her the city's PayPal account is charged lesser fees should the board choose to run the payments through the city's PayPal instead.
- VII. CONSERVANCY REPORT- Kelly states the balance as of 8/31/21 was \$7,147.64; payments issued since then were \$ 1050 for the grate, and \$ 1,769.95 to the City of GF for 2021 expenses to date, leaving a current balance of \$4,327.69; after transferring \$2,324.36 from PayPal, the current balance would be \$ 6,652.05. Jen advised she received some donations by mail which were prompted by the placement of flyers on visitors' car windshields. The board discussed acknowledging donations via a thank you note. Kate asked whether PayPal could instantly email a thank you note. Anne advised she will check PayPal to see what types of correspondence can be issued automatically.
- VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS- DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION (IF NECESSARY) ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:
This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act-Texas Government Code 551.
 1. Biological and Landscape Management- Jen states Petra Osterov has identified several more invasive plants which will need to be addressed at a future work session. Jen states Laurie Hawkins told her the meadow looks overgrown.
 2. Cottage Committee- Storms power-washed the paint graffiti on the concrete table and he also power-washed the cottage's exterior. The mouse problem still exists despite the placement of traps. Per consultation with Apple Pest Control, Storms states the next step will be to bait the traps with something other than peanut butter. Storms recently received a gift of an antique wooden bench/daybed which he has placed inside the cottage. It may eventually be auctions to benefit the park. Also, propane has been delivered recently.

\$50. Regarding the online auction, Jen states she has photos of the items and Debbie Swisher is available to assist with Facebook promotion. Kate will coordinate with Debbie Swisher. Storms suggested setting a deadline of Oct. 31st to launch the auction. Susan recommended posting likely popular Christmas gifts early in the auction and then posting other items at certain intervals throughout the year.

2. Discuss progress of cave gate- Storms states the cave grate has been installed. It is approximately 8'x 6'. No brush or trees needed to be cut in order to facilitate the installation.
3. Discuss the search for a permanent board secretary- a potential replacement has been identified and will participate in next month's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM

Meeting Minutes documented by María Ammerman

Meeting Minutes Approved by Chairperson


