

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

ESD 8, 18515 SCENIC LOOP RD, GREY FOREST TX 78023

OCTOBER 19, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

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~~AGENDA~~

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON at 6:01 PM
- II. RECORDING OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Storms Duthie, Jennifer Nottingham, Anne McCarthy, Susan Beavin
- III. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM
- IV. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS
- V. DISCUSS AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING'S MINUTES- the board approved the September meeting minutes.
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT – Apple Pest Control is showing differing amounts and different as opposed to the previous quarterly amounts.
- VII. CONSERVANCY REPORT – No report
- 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 reports that the field is being shredded to the bedrock, then there will be a prescribed burn, and then will be seeded. The board approves buying the amount of seed that Laurie Hawkins recommends. There was a hazard tree from the storm that has been removed on the East Bank. Weeds will be removed around the pavilion and Petra will supervise. Storms recommends that we trim branches on the driveway, and Jen says that there is an oak tree limb that needs to be removed on the driveway so that the firetrucks can get through. Storms says he will check with Matt on that. Jen reports that Petra keeps pulling weeds.
 2. Cottage Committee – Storms reports that the propane has been filled and paid. The cabin is ready for the winter. Storms reports that he has spent the morning cleaning and setting traps. He will need to spend money to buy cleaning supplies.
 3. Trails Committee
 4. Communications Committee – Storms asks if the mailing list is up to date. Anne reports that the spreadsheets have been merged and recommends that she start collecting the data from recent donors. Susan recommends putting something positive on the Madla website homepage to offset the rules that seem negative.
 5. City Police Department – Mitch reports that they changed the lock on Scenic Loop.
 6. City Public Works – They are shredding the field.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 1. 2022 Capital Campaign Mailing – Storms asks if the board wants to send postcards again this year like last year. Jen moves to have Storm send the postcards out. The board approves. Storms will take care of the work. They will decide on the postcard picture in the future. They would like the postcards sent out at the same time as the year before. Jen proposes asking Jeff at GFU to donate the postcards.

Anne will look into a report of donations from PayPal so that they can get an address to send a postcard or send a personalized email

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Resume fundraising discussion – event in February 2022- Jen said he is proposing a webinar where you will pick up your own meal and then take it home to watch. Venues can't be found due to price. Anne proposes a university while Jen proposes O'Connor, Fairgrounds, or 4H. Mitch reports Tony, reserve officer, caters barbecue. Susan can talk to the Schotts about maybe getting the 4H building and Jen will talk to Shawn.
2. Resume discussion on the search for a permanent board secretary
3. Discuss park driveway/parking lot drainage and maintenance for 2022 – Storms talked to Bubba and Jay (the city). They put bull stone into the big holes. They put a drain next to the service road to move the water off. The base is 160 dollars a truckload and Jay will let them know how much they will need. The bull rock is there now and will be covered with base.
4. Resume discussion on Bird Blind project – Aquifer Authority and TPD need a map to see exactly where the bird blind will go before they will approve. Laurie Hawkins is working on the map to give to them. Permission needed from the Aquifer Authority and TPD before a plan can be drawn up.
5. Restoration action and project coordinator for wooden signs on park entrance – Storms reports the signs on the front gate need to be restored. They should be sanded down, painted black, and oiled. Jen has asked Chris to do it and will coordinate with Storms. Storms will see if GFU will power wash the cedar posts.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:26

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Senator Frank L. Madla Jr Natural Area Board of Directors is a true and correct copy of said Notice and was posted on the bulletin board at Grey Forest City Hall in a convenient place to the public and said Notice was posted on the 14th day of October, 2021 at ___ AM, more than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting on October 19, 2021.

Attest:

Miguel Cantu, TRM

Meeting Minutes documented by Lori Linton
Meeting Minutes Approved by Chairperson
Storms Dutcher