

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

ESD 8, 18515 SCENIC LOOP RD, GREY FOREST TX 78023
NOVEMBER 16, 2021, at 6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON at 6:00pm
- II. RECORDING OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT - Storms Duthie, Jennifer Nottingham, Anne McCarthy, Susan Beavin, Chris Porter, Kelly Dawley, Kate Feist
- III. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM
- IV. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS -Bird Blind Presentation (Miles) – Jen says they should wait for Laurie due to Aquifer Authority and need ADA approval before board approval. Jen moves that they will support the plan contingent on Laurie approving the plans. Then the board has to send it to the aquifer people. Board approves the motion.
- V. DISCUSS AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING’S MINUTES – Approved as amended
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT – Susan reports that there are still questions on the annual receipt. Apple Pest Control still isn’t right and it is missing two CPS bills.
- VII. CONSERVANCY REPORT – The bank balance \$7,004.55. There is \$494.62 in PayPal. Storms got a check for \$300 for bricks. Storms changed from Alamo Pavers to a company in Tampa for the bricks.
- 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 a plaque was ripped off of a rock. She has it and will put it back. Next work session there are invasives to remove that Petra has a list of. Litter also needs to be removed through the dry creek bed.
 2. Cottage Committee – Storms reports that the kitchen trashcan disappeared and the thermostat was at 70.
 3. Trails Committee – Jen says there are invasives and debris.
 4. Communications Committee – Website is doing well. Anne reports that there were 259,000 views for the last quarter.
 5. City Police Department – No police activity in park this month
 6. City Public Works – Jay mowed/shredded the field

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Thank Maria for her secretarial duties – Send her a card. Send something to Elaine.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Resume fundraising discussion – event in February 2022 – Storms reports that he and Susan found out the Ag building would be \$75 an hour. To use the Ag building, it would involve having to set up, take down, and have police presence. They determined it wasn't a good fit. Chris recommends North Park Subaru as a venue. Kate will reach out to the dealership. REI was also recommended. Anne will reach out to REI. Kate will reach out to Floores Country Store.
2. Resume discussion on the search for a permanent board secretary – Lori is permanent.
3. Discuss park driveway/parking lot drainage and maintenance for 2022
4. Resume discussion on Bird Blind project
5. Restoration action and project coordinator for restoration action and entrance signs – Chris reports that he will clean them up and paint the lettering. Board recommends a yellow for the lettering. He will do one as an example and show at the next meeting.
6. 2022 Capital Campaign Mailing – Storms had the proofs for the postcards. Kate recommends that there is something is put on the postcard about what the Madla board is trying to accomplish.
7. Update on prescribed burn and seeding – Jen reports that the whole thing was burned. Her and Laurie spread 12 pounds of Alamo Switchgrass seed throughout the whole area. Jen will send Anne pictures for the website.
8. Update on Menchaca mailboxes – There is nothing to report since it is in USPS's court
9. Update on online auction – Kate proposes that they start advertising before the auction on Facebook. Annie would be handling the Facebook area and advertising. They propose boosting on Facebook to affluent areas around the park. They will also put it on Nextdoor. Anne will need to give Annie access. Kate feels like the artwork should not be online but rather grouped into one auction. She thinks it should be at a place like Wine 101 and recommends that there is a series of auctions at set dates. Auction will be launched December 3rd.
10. A person has been assigned to Madla Park for community service (is this added? Wasn't part of agenda)
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:52

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 11th day of November, 2021 at ___ AM, more than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting on November 16, 2021.

Attest:

Miguel Cantu, TRM

Meeting Minutes documented by Lori Linton
Meeting Minutes Approved by Chairperson:

Sharon Dutton