

**SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CITY HALL, 18502 SCENIC LOOP RD, GREY FOREST TX 78023
July 20, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.
MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON: 6:30pm.

II. RECORDING OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Storms Duthie, Susan Beavin, Jennifer

Nottingham, Tim Santy

III. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

IV. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS

Myles McEntire, Anne McEntire, Kerry McEntire for Bird Blind Project. Volunteer Chris Porter

V. DISCUSS AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF June 15, 2023 MEETING'S MINUTES – no minutes available at this time.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT – reviewed

VII. CONSERVANCY REPORT – Balance \$9,517.47 Frost Bank Account

VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION (IF NECESSARY) ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

1. Biological and Landscape Management / Trails Committee – Restoration Project:

Fence installed, Alamo Switch Grass seed planted, mulch protection layer over seeded area completed

Additional Johnson Grass removed.

2. Cottage Committee – Two Smoke alarms to be replaced Storms Duthie will be responsible for purchase and the install.

3. Infrastructure Committee –Main gate key box replaced. \$300.00 Estimates obtained for yearly pressure wash of stonework and concrete areas to include Pavilion, Restroom, Circle of Friends and Main Entrance. Due to water restrictions action has been postponed until fall. Cost \$680.00

4. Communications Committee – no update

5. Fundraising and Development Committee – no update

6. City Police Department – Main Gate open and closed covered by GF Police

7. City Public Works – Gift card for Jay Shipley to be purchased as going away gift in recognition for patience and dedication for the natural Area. The Conservancy to provide a \$150.00 Gift card to Grey Moss Inn purchased by Jennifer Nottingham.

8. Council Report – Tim Santy to update Council: Madla Natural Area is requesting Chris Porter for Reappointment for 2 years for board member. Madla Board is requesting appointment of Petra Ostrov for two year term as new board member.

Senator Frank L. Madla Jr. Natural Area is financially healthy, continues to be able to maintain and pay natural area expenses.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Board Member recruiting two applications have been received one new, one for reappointment of existing board member. Board asks City Council to appoint the two to the vacant positions.

2. Fall online auction discussion. Date and type of art with possibility of Fine Art only with GF Open studios and Helotes Gallery with percentage of the sale to benefit Madla Natural Area .

3. Storms will order 10 sign post for warning signs from Amazon. Cost \$39.99

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Bird Blind Status –

Myles McEntire presented the board a report on the progress and timeline for completion of bird blind. Safety, funding procedure of bird feed as well as approved type of feed. Dedication was discussed for the fall when project has been completed. Madla Natural Area Conservancy will manage donations for approved bird seed and purchase as needed.

XI. Adjourn Time 7:55 pm

Board Chairperson

Storms Tuttle

Date

08/21/23