

SENATOR FRANK L. MADLA, JR. NATURAL AREA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CITY HALL, 18502 SCENIC LOOP RD, GREY FOREST TX 78023

MAY 18, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

- I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRPERSON : 6:30pm.
- II. RECORDING OF BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Storms Duthie, Geri Poss, Susan Beavin, Jennifer Nottingham, Marina Lewis.
- III. DECLARATION OF A QUORUM
- IV. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS AND VISITORS
- V. DISCUSS AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2023 MEETING’S MINUTES – Approved.
- VI. FINANCIAL REPORT – April was a more expensive month than usual. Approved as submitted.
- VII. CONSERVANCY REPORT – Annual Operating expenses are around \$3,500.
PayPal account: \$2,437.09 (General Donations: \$1,557. Photo Permits: \$450. Auction: \$440.) No balance available.
- VIII. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS – DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION (IF NECESSARY) ON THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:
 1. Biological and Landscape Management / Trails Committee – Restoration Project: Kiosk has been dismantled and removed, removed a couple loads of dirt. Fence materials have been purchased. 1/3 of the scraping has been completed, once finished, Alamo Switch Grass seeds will be placed and watered. Orange and Red Prickly Pear seeds will be planted in the lower end of the meadow. Some bits of Johnson Grass still need to be removed.
 2. Cottage Committee – no update.
 3. Infrastructure Committee – the gate key box repair needed.
 4. Communications Committee – PayPal accounts are able to be accessed now.
 5. Fundraising and Development Committee – no update.
 6. City Police Department – May 2023 has one or two Mondays with no coverage, is it possible to have them keep the gate open those nights. June 2023: no coverage for Mondays 6/5 and 6/19; no coverage for Saturdays 6/10 and 6/24.
 7. City Public Works – no update.
 8. Council Report – Geri to update Council: Susan Beavin and Chris Porter are requesting reappointment for 2 years. Storms is requesting reappointment for 1 year. Online Auction and Star Party are completed, and are financially healthy, continues to be able to maintain and pay own expenses.
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
 1. Spring pressure wash of pavilion and circle as needed – has not happened yet.
 2. Clean all-natural area signs – If it rains, we don’t go; if it does not rain, we will go to clean.

3. Relocation of Kiosk – Letter has been sent to the Eagle Scout who built the Kiosk to let them know it is being relocated.
4. Restoration Plan for grassland areas – Still in progress.
5. Purchase shoe/boot scrapers – Done.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Spring Online Auction – All items have been delivered to those who purchased them. Earned \$440, spent \$70 = \$370 is the total. Money is in the PayPal account.
2. Star Party April 29th – Very well attended. Counted over 80 people before it got dark. So many people that the gates closed, and people needed to park on the street.
3. Bird Blind Status – Still in progress.
4. Capital Campaign – so far has brought in \$1,557 and we expect to continue receiving donations until the end of the year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Board

Chairperson

Storms Dullis

Date

06-15-2023