

Minutes of the POATRI Board of Directors Meeting April 27th 2013

1) The 1st Quarter Meeting of 2013 was called to order at 10:02 AM. Role Call and certification of the 2013 Board was conducted;

Present were:

Dori Ramsay
Dave Howe
Michelle Chiles
John Gray
Vern Stump
Jeff Daly
Don Ferguson

Absent was:

Tom Goff

2) Public Service Announcements –

The President asked if there were any Public Service Announcements and there was no response from the Board or the Public. The President provided information regarding the following:

- a) The Boquillas border crossing is now open – information/hand-outs available
- b) TSUS Conference – information/hand-outs available
- c) TRAX Transportation – information/hand-outs available

3) Meeting Minutes -

The Secretary announced that the Minutes from the Board Meeting held on 1/26/13 had been, previously, distributed to the Board and there had been no feed-back or corrections/revisions received.

A Motion was made by Vern Stump to accept the Minutes; the Motion was seconded by John Gray; the Motion was approved; the Record of Voting is as follows:

Voting Yes were:

Dori Ramsay
Dave Howe
Michelle Chiles
John Gray
Vern Stump
Jeff Daly
Don Ferguson

Absent was:

Tom Goff

4) Treasurer's Report -

John Gray provided the Treasurer's Report (3 Financial Statements Available on the web-site)

5) President's and Manager's Report –

Dori Ramsay provided the President and Manager's Report; Issues addressed were:

- a) Hiring a new Ranch Manager – in process
- b) Maintenance and Beautification – progress toward improved infrastructure while keeping within budget; the remodeling of the cabins is well underway; various beautification efforts are in process
- c) New Signage – in process
- d) Road Maintenance – current and on-going
- e) Staff Changes – some staff left or leaving, but staff needs are reduced during the up-coming time of year, so the reduction is acceptable for the continuation of efficient operations; the President also stated that since Brent and Shar Sugg have left the Ranch there is no longer a Deputy or trained emergency First Responder residing on the Ranch and a volunteer would be appreciated.
- f) Donations – some exempt property owners have donated, including from TSUS

6) Committee Reports -

Audit Committee – The President reported that there is no Audit Committee report at this time and that the previous chairman, of the committee, Joyce Helt is no longer serving on the committee as she is now employed as contract labor for POATRI

Budget and Finance Committee – John Gray indicated that he had no, additional information, since he reported the Treasurer's Report, except that he has not begun preparing the budget for 2014 as it is too early to do so.

Communications Committee – Dave Howe reported that there is a new committee member: Mary-Annette Hunter; efforts continue to produce the newsletter; the committee is in the process of re-building the web-site.

Infrastructure Committee – Jeff Daly reported that the purpose of the committee is to evaluate the current integrity of POATRI/Terlingua Ranch operations infrastructure in an effort to avoid costly repairs and/or remediation; two issues being investigated are the septic systems of the cabins and the water system.

Public Fuels Committee – Randy Mc Laughlin reported that he is now in the process of investigating and obtaining more information, specifically from Lajitas Resort.

Café' Committee – Dori Ramsay announced that there is no report, at this time, as the Committee Chairman, Tom Goff, is absent from this meeting.

Airport Committee – Vern Stump reported that he has obtained an evaluation and information inspection of the airport facilities, which yielded positive feedback; he indicated that a final, written report should be available in 2-3 weeks.

7) Unfinished Business -

Report on Executive Sessions – The Secretary announced that there were no Executive Sessions held since the last Board Meeting.

Items Raised in Friday Workshop – The President announced that there were no items raised.

8) New Business -

Electronic Sessions: The Secretary announced that there have been 3 Electronic Sessions since the last Board Meeting –

- 1) Smith Well Renaming Resolution Carried on 2/3/13
- 2) Café’ Subsidy Proposal Carried on 4/14/13
- 3) Ranch Manager Hiring – there have been 2 phone interviews conducted; hiring is still in process.

Executive Session: The President announced that there will be an Executive Session held immediately following today’s Board Meeting to discuss personnel matters.

Road Use Task Force: The President announced that she has asked Vern Stump to Chair a Road Use Task Force for the purpose of drafting a new Road Use policy that can, then, be reviewed by legal counsel prior to being placed in the Policy and Procedures Manual.

9) There was no Old Business.

10) Resolutions Presented: The President asked if there were any new resolutions to be presented; Don Ferguson indicated that he had, informally, presented a resolution pertaining to Article 7 and Article 3 of the Bylaws at Friday’s workshop, but has decided to withdraw it based upon conversations and clarifications he’s received from the President of the BoD.

11) Property Owners’ Discussion Time: The President asked if there were any comments from the Property Owners; Francis Savage II, Tract #NC436 informed the Board that he had been surprised when he received a bill for his Assessment Fees, due to some possible misunderstanding between himself and his co-landowner and that he understood he’s behind on paying his fees, but is attempting to do so; he also indicated that he is interested in creating a charity organization that would be available to assist other “poor” land owners who might need help paying their fees.

12) Motion to Adjourn: A Motion was made by Don Ferguson and seconded by John Gray; the motion unanimously carried via show of hands.