

## **MANAGER'S REPORT REPORT BY: CRIS TURLEY**

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As our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter comes to a close we are excited looking forward to our winter season. The last couple of years have been a challenging time for the organization, however we now have a solid, permanent and passionate core group of staff to lead us into the winter and seasons beyond.

Despite a shortage of staff over the last 3 months; our maintenance and housecleaning teams have been working hard to complete projects and keep the grounds maintained. We are excited to announce the R.V. septic site near the north entrance is now complete! We have also been able to install, test and operate fully our new salt water chlorination system at the pool. New A/C mini-splits have been installed in a number of the cabins. Updates to our main Smith well have been added, including the power generator, as the team works with the engineers and our water committee to bring the system up to par. The team has also started the final push to complete our staff-housing shade structures, with trenching now underway and the last of the services being installed. Damaged pool furniture has been replaced, along with many other repairs to the Café, cabins, and other facilities.

Our office staff and Property Services continues to evolve and I am pleased to say our current, permanent, and devoted core staff have shown great dexterity, prowess and professionalism towards our Property Owners and guests and TRL over the last months. We are pleased to say the total number of Property Owners on staff is now at 75%; and our seasonal staff are almost all fully in place and training towards a busy winter season. With positions still open we encourage Property Owners to apply and discuss your skills that can be an asset to our community! We have been very busy working with our devoted team of Board Directors and committees such as Water, Dark Sky compliance, financial/ accounting, and many more. Currently we have been preparing for the upcoming elections and assisting the board in many of those duties.

Our Road Crew is to be commended, the rain and storms we've had in recent months have kept the crews extremely busy keeping the main thoroughfares open. Because of the damage caused by consistent storms throughout the area, general maintenance should be farther behind schedule than it is. The Crew has worked very hard to keep Property Owners requests investigated and repaired, while attending emergency washouts and new road requests. Our maintenance department has also overseen many overdue maintenance, repair, and replacement items on the equipment, and we should be able to start a second road crew in just a few weeks.

Although our beloved Bad Rabbit Café remains on limited hours, we look forward to staff arriving in the beginning of November and returning to regular hours as soon as we can. Our Manager and service team have been doing a well-respected job serving guests and Property Owners while planning the new menu, updates to the restaurant and working through staff shortages. With prices of supplies soaring, the CCI at all-time highs, Our Café Manger has been doing an exceptional job sourcing and meal planning for the operation.

We all look forward to the coming months and the completion of many overdue tasks in all of our departments with our exceptional leadership team and staff in place. We wish all of our Property Owners and guests a happy, joyful time in the New Year!

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### **HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Lodge Office & Front Desk** (432) 371-3146 ext. 10 9am - 5pm 7 days a week

#### **Property Owner Services**

(432) 371-3146 ext. 11 9am - 5pm Monday thru Friday

#### **Bad Rabbit Café**

(432) 371-2244 7am - 2pm and 5pm - 8pm Tuesday - Saturday

Water Sales 9am - 3pm 7 days a week

### Laundry Room

12pm—10pm 7 days a week

**Pool** Closed until March 1, 2023

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** REPORT BY: JIM SPOFFORD

#### -View complete President's Report on Poatri.org

There have been many changes since our last Board meeting, including significant operational changes at our Lodge.

The Board's primary goals have been, and continue to be, providing our property owners with well-maintained roads and access to water. Other important objectives include revitalizing our facilities and rebuilding a place where our community can come together and enjoy time with friends and family.

These goals require funding. Given that our currently collected annual assessments no longer cover the basic costs of maintaining our 1,100 miles of roads, we must find ways to cover this funding shortfall.

There are two main options available to us at this time.

The first option is to run our Lodge operations more professionally, ensuring a sustainable and predictable flow of income. This effort requires increasing our staff's level of accountability and ensuring each employee consistently provides good service for our property owners and guests and does so with a good attitude. Employees must also strive to be good stewards of our Association's assets, including ensuring that all time on the clock involves providing value to our organization and not using the Association's assets for personal gain.

The second option is to increase the percentage of property owners who pay their legally required annual assessments. The history here is long, and I know the reasons for non-compliance are diverse. While we would certainly like to use as many carrots as possible to increase compliance, we are also exploring some sticks (i.e., legal remedies), given the increase in land prices.

Over the last several months, we have documented a backlog of needed repairs and improvements. The list is significant, and the costs are just as significant, running into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Some items on our backlog carry a higher risk to our ongoing operations than others, so careful risk analysis, planning, and budgeting are needed.

A few property owners have expressed concerns about the departures of some previous staff members. I can assure you that all terminations were strictly based on each employee's overall performance, along with their ability and willingness to help us meet our goals, as stated above. Regardless of the individual situations, we wish each past employee all the best in their future endeavors.

Lastly, having a Board that supports these goals and is willing to contribute unpaid personal time toward meeting these goals is critical. Please read through the current Board applications we have posted on our website. Feel free to contact each applicant and make sure you think they can help us move forward .... then, please vote.

## Terlingua Ranch Lodge & Bad Rabbit Café is HIRING!

Café Cooks & Servers Office Staff Housekeeping Maintenance

- Competitive hourly pay
- Criminal background check required
- RV hook-ups available if needed; must provide own RV if needing on-site residence

Come by for an application in person or email <u>manager@terlinguaranch.com</u>.



## **TREASURER'S REPORT REPORT BY: ED MARCATO**

#### -View complete Treasure's Report on Poatri.org

Review of our financial Performance as of September 30, 2022.

First a brief summary of our financial performance:

- Total income is10,000 above budget at \$1.4 million.
- Gross Profit is \$50,000 above budget at \$1.3 million.
- Expenses are \$28,000 over budget, at \$1.065 million
- Our Net Income is \$23,000 above budget at \$240,269
- Our Operations Cash Balance is \$507.000

Some of the significant details include:

Assessment collections are above budget by \$23,000, at \$633K and of that, \$4,000 is in current year collections and \$19,000 is from prior year collections. A special thank you to Hayley for the extra reminders, letters and phone calls, and always being focused on collecting more revenue.

Cabin and Café revenue are more challenging this year with Cabin revenue down \$9K below budget at \$446,000, and Café revenue down \$29,000 at \$206,000. The Cabin revenue downturn started when the gas prices went up, and the Café revenue is more the result of having to close two days a week because we did not have the staff. The good news is that in September both Cabin and Café revenue have begun to recover getting closer to budget. We are watching the data to see if the trend continues in the fourth quarter.

A major achievement by our staff has been the reduction in Cost of Goods Sold in the Café. In recent years COGS has ranged from 54% to over 60% of revenue, but with the efforts of Pam with help from Jerry and others, Cost of Goods Sold for the first 9 months is just under 40%. A special thank you to Pam for her efforts and dedication.

Our expenses are \$1.064 million, over budget by \$28,000. Over budget is the result of underbudgeting credit card fees, rebuilding the counter system in the café, and the \$10,000 IRS fine from the IRS 2015 to 2017 Payroll Tax Audit .

The bottom line, to state again, our income is \$23,000 higher than budget at \$240,269.

#### Other announcements:

Debbie McLarty, our new Bookkeeper is continuing her training in QuickBooks and our accounting system by doing the job, as well as supporting special projects and our new Auditors. I am very grateful for her dedication and commitment.

Our new Audit firm, Lauterbach Borschow in El Paso, has completed Financial Reviews for 2019 and 2020, and found no inconsistencies with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

After two years of minimal Capital Expenditures, due to COVID, we are investing in several projects this year. So far we have invested \$158,000 in Capital Expenditures for infrastructure projects, and there are another \$101,000 of projects approved.

We have completed the CPI analysis for the 2023 assessment fee, which will be \$210.84.

A preliminary Budget for 2023 has been developed which will be finalized in early December.

And that completes the Treasurer's report for Q3 2022.

## WATER COMMITTEE REPORT - View complete Water Committee Report on Poatri.org REPORT BY: LARRY SUNDERLAND

Much of our work this last quarter has been meeting with various departments of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. {TCEQ} and Jacob Martin, the engineering firm we are using to design our Pump Station and Disinfection Improvements. We continue to work under an exception from TCEQ. Our issues are a potable well that is situated in a flood plain and was originally drilled for domestic use, a water distribution system whose water lines do not meet current minimum line size requirements, a pump station and distribution system that needs to be approved by TCEQ, and a potable well whose flow rate, per TCEQ standards (.6 gpm per connection) allows for only 25 connections. We have 64 connections.

The results of a inline pressure test done by Jacob Martin has been forwarded to TCEQ and we await their conclusion. The pump station and distribution system design was presented to us and we offered some changes and we are awaiting a final design to approve and then Jacob Martin can forward to TCEQ for their approval. Our connection issue is the one issue that can only be resolved by bringing on line another water source with a flow rate that exceeds the minimum standard. Tuesday, last we had a TCEQ administrative audit group visit for a site inspection of our facility and our record keeping. No major issues were found with our system or our record keeping. Water pressures and chlorine levels were tested at multiple sites and all were within parameters.

Cris Turley and I had a conference call with a five person TCEQ Technical Review and Oversite Team. We were discussing, initially, how to bring an older undocumented domestic well online for potable use, the Cabin Well. End result is, yes, it could be approved under an exception, but the well must be inspected and certified by an engineering firm first. An expense that in the end may just tell us we cannot use it for potable use. We can without too much oversite use for non potable The costs associated would be for installing separate non potable water distribution lines to cabins and laundry. Installing a pump and storage tank would be necessary and we would install filters and an aerator to remove the sulphur, manganese, and iron present. The result of all these improvements would reduce the pressure on the Pool Well for non-potable use, reduce our potable water use by about 30%, and provide water for fire suppression, laundry and a better quality of non-potable water for our property owners. We still will need to address our connection issue and that can only be addressed by drilling a new well for potable use. We finally have our Water Project fund set up correctly on the Balance Sheet as a "Reserve for Water Project". The Reserve for Water Project has a balance of \$32,327, and is current through September. This year's addition is 5% of Cabin Income thru Sept.



# **KEEPING FRUITS & VEGETABLES FRESH LONGER**

**TOMATOES -** Tomatoes break down quicker when refrigerated. For the best flavor tomatoes that last longer, keep them on the counter away from ethylene-producing fruits.

**CELERY** - To perk up limp celery, cut the bottom off and stand the stalks in a jar of cold water. Place the whole thing in the fridge, and you'll have crisp celery again within a few hours. To keep your celery crisp once it has been revived, store it tightly wrapped in tin foil in your crisper drawer.

**SALAD GREENS** - Transfer the tender greens from the box they come in to a larger container (or containers) before putting them in the fridge. Add a paper towel to absorb excess moisture, and you've got much happier lettuce. Those tiny, tender leaves easily start to rot due to being crammed in a box with no airflow. Transferring them to larger containers will save you money and reduce food waste.

**BANANAS** - To slow the ripening process, cover your banana stems in foil. Ethylene is released from the stem, and sealing it will give you few extra days before your bananas start to look pretty spotty.

In our house, bananas on the counter for more than three days get peeled and tossed into a bag in the freezer. These frozen bananas go in our breakfast smoothies, so we never have to worry about wasting them.

**AVOCADOS** - Keeping avocados fresh, both whole and sliced, is easy to do. Submerge your avocados in water and store them in the fridge. All the healthy fats in avocados keep the water from penetrating the fruit, and being submerged slows the ripening process and prevents oxidation. No more brown guacamole for you!

**CARROTS** - Once carrots have been harvested, they last for quite a while. However, they may not always look appealing or have the best flavor if kept in a plastic bag in your crisper drawer. For sweet, tender, and crunchy carrots, keep them submerged in a small tub of water in the fridge.



# **2023 ELECTION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The election for the Board of Directors will be Saturday January 28, 2023. Ballot positions were determined by drawing at the October 29, 2022 board meeting. Voters' lists and ballots will be created on November 28, 2022. Ballots will be mailed to property owners no later than December 9, 2022. Ballots must be received before 5:00 pm on January 27, 2023. Candidates are reminded they must be in compliance with the <u>By-Laws</u> Article 4.04 and a member in good standing as defined by Article 3.03.

# Voters List

To ensure you can vote: Is your correct address <u>on file</u> at the POATRI office? If you are a new property owner, have you completed the process necessary to be included as an owner in the POATRI database? Are you current on all fees and assessments? Please check the following to ensure that you can vote in the next election:

- 1. Is my correct address on file at the POATRI office?
- 2. If I am a new property owner, have I completed the process necessary to be included as an owner in the POATRI database?
- 3. Am I current on all my fees and assessments?
- 4. Be sure to complete the ballot and mail the entire ballot back to the address listed on the ballot for receipt no later than 5:00 pm on January 27, 2023.
- 5. Remember that mail delivery is not consistent during the Christmas season, so mail early to ensure receipt.
- 6. Ballots can only be received at the address printed on the ballot [PO Box 1046.] Receipt at any other address will invalidate your ballot.
- 7. If you have not received an official ballot from POATRI by the end of December, call or contact the Terlingua Ranch office.
- 8. Help encourage everyone to VOTE.

Voters List and ballots are created sixty days before the election, with ballots sent to the printer within five days of the ballots being created. The printer ensures all ballots are mailed no later than three days before the forty-five day cutoff. If ballots are returned with correct addresses, they will be re-mailed immediately up to fifteen days before the close of the election. If a ballot is returned within fifteen days of the close of the election, it will NOT be re-mailed.

# **Board Candidates**

• Board candidates and their applications were announced at the October 29, 2022 board meeting.

# WHAT'S IN A NAME? - Terlingua Creek

Terlingua Creek is formed by the confluence of Paradise and Hackberry draws, a mile east of the Presidio county line and thirty-two miles southwest of Alpine in west central Brewster County (at 29°54' N, 103°47' W). It runs southeast for eighty-three miles to its mouth on the Rio Grande, just east of Santa Elena Canyon and six miles northwest of Castolon in Big Bend National Park (at 29°10' N, 103°37' W).

The stream is intermittent for the first fifty miles. It traverses variable terrain surfaced by shallow, stony soils and sandy and clay loam that support Mexican buckeye, walnut, persimmon, desert willow, scrub brush, juniper, oak, chaparral, cacti, grasses, water-tolerant hardwoods, and conifers. Most sources state that the name Terlingua is a corruption of the Spanish *tres lenguas*, meaning "three tongues," either for the three forks of the creek or for the three languages spoken by the Apache, Comanche, and Shawnee Indians who lived along the creek.

Another story, however, holds that Terlingua is an old Indian name, the meaning of which has been lost. According to one source, Spanish-speaking people were living along the lower reaches of Terlingua Creek possibly as early as 1800, and cer-tainly by 1859, when a military expedition under Lt. Edward L. Hartz passed through on camels. At any rate, Mexican immigrants had established a town called Terlingua two miles north of the Rio Grande well before the discovery of mercury in the area in the late nineteenth century. After the Chisos Mining Company began operations in 1903 about eight miles further north, the mining town that grew up around it became known as Terlingua, and the original Mexican settlement became known as Terlingua Abaja (Lower Terlingua).

*"I'm from Texas, and one of the reasons I like Texas is because there's no one in control."* - Willie Nelson

# WHAT ROAD CREW IS UP TO

It's no secret the roads within Terlingua Ranch can be challenging to navigate and drive on at times. As a community, we are fortunate to have an experienced Road Crew Foreman on our side to repair and often rebuild the roads used by Property Owners to access their land. Rainy season is particularly challenging, and the Road Crew has been working its magic on severely damaged areas. We wouldn't be able to get around this rough country without the help of our talented and dedicated team! Below are a few photos to demonstrate the transformation of an impassable section of road.

AGUA FRIA BEFORE & AFTER



**BIG BEND VALLEY BEFORE & AFTER** 



# HISTORY OF TERLINGUA CHILI COOKOFF

What an odd fate that Carroll Shelby, a race car driver would also share such an avid interest in Chili. Not only did Shelby go on to design the classic Mustang Shelby GT500 and Shelby Cobra, and he also liked a hearty bowl of Red. In 1962, Shelby and a local Dallas attorney Dave Witts decided to purchase some land in south Texas including Terlingua. It was after that, the land changed over to Carroll Shelby exclusively. He then spent his time and money trying to develop the land in some way. He ultimately used it as a 200,000-acre 'man cave' hang-out.

On many occasions, Shelby and a close friend including Tom Tierney, David E. Davis, and Bill Neale would regale in Terlingua. On one occasion they happened to invite some fellow chili buddies that included Wick Fowler and Frank Tolbert.

From there the press influence began to give this new land a whole new title. Tolbert went on to write an article for the Saturday Evening Post called *That Bowl of Fire Called Chili*. It was among the first that sparked interest in Terlingua. It was followed with thousands of letters to the magazine that showed interest in chili recipes. Not only did this give-way to the emergence of chili con carne, but it also gave birth to the Frito Pie.

As interest was building-up, chili inside a bag of Frito chips became the favorite among Dallas football high school fans. Yet the wild parties at Terlingua began to get bigger and soon included some more influential characters. This led to the invitation of David Chasen and H. Allen Smith, who gave more influence later. However they weren't around for long, the members of CAS began to evolve.

In Mexico City on April 7, 1964, Wick Fowler attended a widely documented ceremony. He was acting as a war correspondent for the Vietnam War and made chili for the troops. It was at that time his chili group became known as CASI (Chili Appreciation Society International). By April 20<sup>th</sup> the group launched their first breakthrough statement announcing that Terlingua was the Chili Capital of the World!

This was with the help of Tom Tierney who was an excellent PR guy for the Terlingua Racing Team. They used their other buddies to gain official attention with Wick Fowler, Frank Tolbert, and Dave Witts. Of course, their attorney Dave Witts made the statement that was spread through the Dallas Press. Because of the press they received, it gave them the ability to organize officially. They essentially created their personas as a result.



# **ROADS 101: Road Requests**

The Terlingua Ranch Road Crew maintains 1,100 miles of roads through the mountains and desert so that our 5,000 property owners can access their 9,500 different tracts of land. The Chihuahuan desert and therefore our roads cover bentonite flat lands, sand dunes, fractured shale, dry river beds, gravel, exposed rocks and boulders, places frequently washed out, drastic changes in topography and many plant based obstacles.

Our goal is to ensure that all tracts are accessible in a high clearance (at least 15 inch tire rims or more with at least 8 inches of clearance or more from the lowest point of the frame, body, suspension or differential, to the ground) 4WD or AWD vehicle and to crown the roads in order to prevent erosion. It is our responsibility to maintain the roads so that you have access to your land. It is not our responsibility to maintain or build driveways.

Some of our roads can be accessed by any kind of vehicle in any kind of weather and some cannot. Some areas of Terlingua Ranch are only accessible by high clearance vehicles. Some areas of Terlingua Ranch are only accessible by high clearance and 4WD or AWD vehicles. Some of our roads can be driven in any kind of weather and some of our roads cannot be driven during or immediately after a heavy rain storm. This could limit your capabilities of having a trailer, RV, manufactured home, delivery vehicle, or normal car from ever reaching your land.

The road crew makes regular rotations around the Ranch throughout the year. Please keep the information above in mind when calling in a Road Request. They will only break their regular rotation for impassable road requests.

> For more information about Terlingua Ranch roads, please visit: https://poatri.org/roads/

# **AROUND THE LODGE:** Projects, **Upgrades and More!**

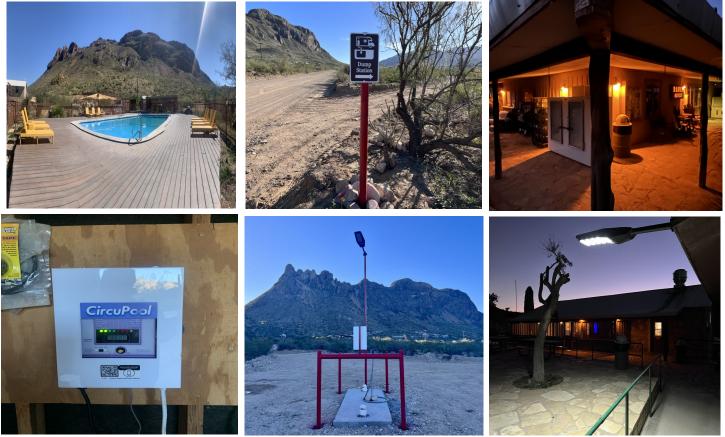
**Swimming Pool Improvements:** We installed a Salt-Chlorine Generator in our pool at the beginning of October! This pool Salt Generator reduces the cost of pool maintenance supplies (average of \$500-\$750 month in shock & tablets alone), vs. the actual use of chlorine in the pool to keep it clean. Some benefits to salt chlorination are the cost reduction (1/3 of the current)annual cost!), as well as a natural skin benefits and it's environmentally friendly too. Approximate cost for the Salt Generator was \$1,300 plus a pallet of salt for \$250, and the 'generator cell' will last about 5 years with salt added maybe once a year. We are now looking forward at the possibility of installing a pool Construction crew. heater so we can not only keep the pool heated during the fall/winter season, but also keeping the pool open all year long!

**RV Dump Station/Septic Tank:** 

Our RV Dump/Septic station is a two tank - 'dual-dump inlet' that allows for two RV's at a time to dump at the same time and there are two roads that lead into the station! The new dump station has a solar powered, non-potable water tank to rinse lines along with solar lighting for 24/7 access. The dump station is located directly off the ranch road, 1/4 mile north of Ranch Office, it is a free value-added service for all property owners as well as ranch guests! The budget for this project was approximately \$13,000, was completed 'to code standards' and the labor was all performed inhouse by our Maintenance/

### **Dark Sky Lighting Compliance:**

A site visit was conducted by a Dark Skies Sr. Outreach Program Coordinator and lighting recommendations were made so that Terlingua Ranch Lodge can receive official Dark Sky Compliancy. Per the recommendations, we have removed old, outdated lighting and installed Dark Sky compliant, LED and solar lighting throughout the Lodge campus! New lighting fixture installs were completed at the Ranch Office, Bad Rabbit Café, cabins and the walkways area around the property. These lights improved our Dark Sky compliance and their efficiencies of power usage and has limited general lighting to areas of most effectiveness.



# NEW OWNER TIPS

#### POATRI Functions & Membership

#### **ARTICLE 2**

#### 2.01 PURPOSE OF POATRI -

POATRI's purpose is to carry out the functions set forth in the Articles of Incorporation as well as any additional governing documents.

#### 2.02 ACTIVITIES OF POATRI - To

properly carry out the purposes enumerated in Article 2.01, POATRI may, at the discretion of its Board of Directors, perform any and/or all of the following activities:

- a. Administer and enforce the Maintenance Agreement, and all amendments thereto, covering Terlingua Ranch or any part thereof, including the assessment and collection of fees and/or charges;
- b. Develop, improve and/or maintain any safety and/or health projects that are located on property owned or leased by POATRI;
- c. Develop, improve and/or maintain any recreational or other areas which are located on property owned or leased by POATRI;
- **d.** Maintain and improve roads that give access to, or are within Terlingua Ranch, or on properties leased by

POATRI;

e. For all other purposes for which POATRI may consider to be of general benefit or be useful to the members of Terlingua Ranch.

## **ARTICLE 3**

**3.01 CLASSES OF MEMBERS** - The Corporation shall have one class of Members.

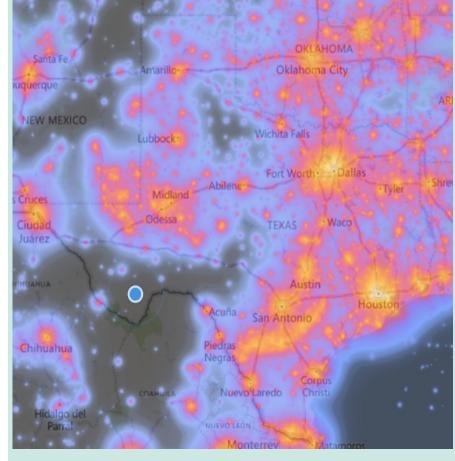
**3.02 MEMBER DEFINED** - Members shall be all persons or entities who:

- a. Are owners of record, according to the Brewster County Texas Deed Records, of real property which is located on Terlingua Ranch, and/or;
- **b.** Are purchasing, via contract for deed, any property which is located on Terlingua Ranch.
- c. In the event of a membership dispute, copies of the necessary documents, under Articles 3.02(a) and/or 3.02(b) must be provided by the member. All members shall notify POATRI of any change of ownership and/or address changes.
- . Sole owners, joint tenants or tenants in common, or any entity owning property in Terlingua Ranch, shall be counted as only one Member, regardless of the number of lots owned or the size of the assessment paid, save and except that any holder or owner of any right-of-

way easement or similar interest, shall not, by reason of any such interest owned or acquired by them, be or become a Member of the Corporation.

**3.03 MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING DEFINED -** A POATRI Member in Good Standing has the right to vote in any POATRI election, and the right to use and enjoy POATRI facilities and property. The Board of Directors shall have sole responsibility and authority for determining the good standing status of any Member. A Member in Good Standing is any Member who:

- a. For the purposes of exercising their right to vote, has, not less than sixty (60) days prior to the taking of any POATRI vote, fully paid all POATRI assessments due under the Maintenance Agreement and/or any amendments thereto,
- b. For all other purposes, has fully paid all POATRI assessments due under the Maintenance Agreement and/or any amendments thereto,
- c. Any Member not conforming to the provisions of this section shall be disqualified from voting on POATRI matters



# **LIGHT POLLUTION**

Night skies are fading and natural darkness is disappearing. An estimated 80 percent of Americans have never seen the Milky Way. The culprit: the growing glow of artificial lights. Light pollution is light that is too bright, is misdirected, or is shining where it's not wanted or needed. Why is it a problem? Because its light pollution!

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department has partnered with the <u>McDonald Observatory</u>, the <u>International</u> <u>Dark Sky Association</u> (IDA) and local astronomy groups to promote stargazing in our state parks. They hope to raise awareness of preserving night skies with star parties, self-guided constellation tours and light pollution education programs.

In addition, we are reviewing our own lighting, and making changes to protect the night skies over our facilities. Thank you for your continued support of the Dark Sky!



# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 1/1 New Year's Day32nd Annual Black-Eyed-Pea Off @ Ghost Town 2pm
- 1/2 Spanish Classes @ Cactus Farm \*EVERY Monday 6pm
- 1/3 Broken Heart Blues @ Cactus Farm \*EVERY Tuesday 7pm
- 1/5 Property Owners' Potluck @ Bunkhouse 6pm
- 1/6 Game Night @ Bunkhouse 6:30pm
   Acoustic Music Circle @ Cactus Farm \*EVERY Friday 7pm
   Full 'Wolf' Moon
- 1/7 Community Market @ The Community Garden \*EVERY Saturday 10am - 1pm
- 1/13 Game Night @ Bunkhouse 6:30pm
- 1/16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day FREE Entrance to Big Bend National Park
- 1/20 Game Night @ Bunkhouse 6:30pm
- 1/21 New Moon TPWD Living With Black Bear @ Bunkhouse - 9:30am
  " @ J.W. "Red" Patillo Community Center - 2pm Winter Gala @ Far Flung Outdoor Center - Doors 5:30pm
- 1/27 Board of Directors' Public Workshop @ Lodge Bunkhouse 1 pm Game Night @ Bunkhouse - 6:30pm
- 1/28 Board of Director's Public Meeting @ Lodge Bunkhouse 10 am
- 2/2 Property Owners' Potluck @ Bunkhouse 6pm Full 'Snow' Moon
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/19 New Moon
- 2/20 President's Day

# **GET INVOLVED!**

## WATER COMMITTEE

Larry Sunderland Russell Bundy Brad Anthenat Hayley DeArman Jerry Schaffer

## BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Ed Marcato Jim Spofford Bill Vogl Christine Schlaudraff Roger Foltz Barbara Levedahl

## COMMUNICATION

**COMMITTEE** Brad Anthenat Hayley DeArman Bill Vogl Dale Weiss

## DARK SKY TASK FORCE

Barbara Levedahl Hayley DeArman Rick Bradbury

## **GRANT TASK FORCE**

Larry Sunderland Barbara Levedahl Ed Marcato Amy Law Vanessa Cruz

If you would like to get involved by joining any of our Committees or Task Forces, please send an email to: manager@terlinguaranch.com

#### **SHARE YOUR LOCAL EVENT WITH US!**

To have your event included in our POATRI newsletter, please email the event name, date, time, and location to: propertyinfo@terlinguaranch.com



# **TERLINGUA RANCH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

### HAYLEY DEARMAN - PROPERTY OWNER SERVICES

Hometown: Rollingwood, TX

When did you start working for Terlingua Ranch? I have been in Property Owner Services since 2020 and have been fortunate enough to help out in all departments over the past three years.

**What is the most unusual aspect of working here?** *The never-ending opportunities to learn something new.* 

- What was the first concert you ever attended? Jimmy Buffet.
- What is your favorite pastime? Rainbow chasing.

Where is your favorite destination you've visited, and why? It's a solid tie between Kenya, Africa and South Island, New Zealand. I spent nearly a month in both and was blown away by the natural beauty and people in these two special countries. Australia is a close third for the same reasons!

What is one thing most people don't know about you? I am both a fourth generation Texan (paternal) and a first generation American (maternal).

If you had to eat only one meal ever day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Tacos! Any kind. Every day.

## If you won a million dollars, what would you do?

I would create a sanctuary for elder and special needs dogs (especially Pugs!) to give them a place where they can get all the love and support they need to live their best life with lots of room to play!

## **BLAST FROM THE PAST**



Carroll Shelby & Friends in front of the Terlingua Ranch House – 1965



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# **2023 BOARD MEETINGS**

Last Saturday in January @ 10am Pre-Meeting Public Workshop Friday @ 1pm Located in the Bunkhouse

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