



## MANAGER'S REPORT

REPORT BY: JOHN SELLERS

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I've had an eventful first six weeks as the manager here at Terlingua Ranch. My first board meeting this weekend followed a well-attended workshop on Friday. The meeting on Saturday was short, sweet, and the board adjusted resolutions they were considering, based on property owner input. Concrete steps were taken to help preserve our water supply and encourage more property owners to use our shared facilities.

Due to the diligent efforts of Hayley in Property Owner Services, and excellent management by Debbie, Pam, Jerry, and Amy in operations, we have increased income and reduced expenses, giving us the best six-month financial results in Terlingua Ranch history. All our staff are dependable, service-oriented people who have given of their time and talents to make Terlingua Ranch the best place it can be for you, our owners.

Saturday evening capped everything off with 125 people joining us to dine and dance under the summer moonlight. It was great to meet a bunch of my new best friends, our property owners. For this fall, we will continue our property owners' potluck dinners and a monthly evening of live music and cooking outdoors on the patio. I hope to expand this as participation grows.

I have spent five days out in the field with our road crew and the board's road committee. Access to property is a key responsibility of POATRI, and although the roads have never been in better overall shape, there is an almost limitless amount of work still to be done. With two full-time crews operating, we should be able to continue to respond to individual property owner requests while gradually improving constant trouble spots, minimizing the need to repeatedly repair the same locations.

In the coming months, I will be evaluating our water system. We only have one potable water well, without which many of our owners and facilities, from the office to the lodge, would be in serious trouble. We will be receiving bids to upgrade storage and treatment equipment and improve our compliance with state water supply standards. We are working with the state to get a second well approved for potable water production, which would protect Terlingua Ranch for another generation. Our non-potable wells run perilously low on an almost daily basis. As we study recharge rates in our wells, and the total amount of water produced and sold, we will be finding ways to ensure a steady supply for the future.

We have begun work on several major projects around the grounds, air conditioning the bunkhouse, continuing work on the covered RV sites, renovating the cold storage room and deer locker, and working on the remodeling of cabins 57 and 58. There are several more projects in the works. Please let me know what your thoughts are on what areas we should tackle next.

If you have ideas for programs, activities, or projects or a question about any aspect of the operation of the ranch please stop by my office, introduce yourself and let's visit!

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## HOURS OF OPERATION

**Lodge Office & Front Desk**  
(432) 371-3146 x 10  
7 days a week 9a - 5p

**Property Owner Services**  
(432) 371-3146 x 11  
Monday thru Friday 9a - 5p

**Bad Rabbit Café**  
(432) 371-2244  
Wednesday thru Saturday 7a - 8p  
Sunday 7a - 2pm  
CLOSED Monday & Tuesday

**Water Sales**  
7 days a week 9am - 3pm

**Laundry Room**  
7 days a week 12p - 6a

**Swimming Pool**  
7 days a week 10a - 10p  
\$25 Property Owner season pass  
Non-Owner \$8 per day, per person

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### REPORT BY: BRAD ANTENAT

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

The predominant issue facing the directors after the April board meeting remained finding a Ranch Manager. After interviewing many qualified candidates, we hired John Sellers. John has already made a significant impact on our employees, operations and property owners. John leads by example, demonstrating a great work ethic, professionalism and a genuine passion for the success of our team.

This spring our non-potable well started to not produce enough water to keep up with water sales. During spring break, we received some much-needed snow and rain. This moisture helped to recharge our wells, but property owners with rain catchment didn't need to buy as much water and that reduced the stress put on our well. Those rains have come and gone and with temperatures consistently being over 100° our well is not producing as much water.

With the resolutions passed at the July board meeting, water rationing will begin on September 1<sup>st</sup>. The reduced amount of non-potable water that each account will be able to buy is from 500 gallons a week to 500 gallons twice a month. To bring our water sales prices in line with other local businesses selling water, we will be raising our non-potable price from .08 cents a gallon to .10 cents a gallon and potable from .08 a gallon to .25 a gallon.

The Road Maintenance committee has been working toward the goal of how the Ranch can have better roads. Roads that when repaired last longer and need less maintenance. This is no slight to our current or past road crews. A pilot program will be started to hire an independent contractor to evaluate and repair these roads to see how using equipment we don't own and different techniques with this equipment hold up to our environment. The board is approving up to \$30,000 on this pilot program.

The board also approved to lower cabin room costs from \$79 to \$69 per night for owners in good standing. Restrictions will apply, but we want to encourage our owners to stay with us.

How do we fund water, roads and repairs? With annual maintenance fees and profits generated from the lodge. Profits will fluctuate from year to year; our annual assessments should be a reliable source of funds every year. With less than 60% of property owners paying their required maintenance fees, our projects are severely underfunded.

Last year the board started actively moving towards a solution with the goal of 90%, or more, of property owners paying their maintenance fees. We sent letters to all property owners that were delinquent on their fees. The program to date has been successful in bringing over \$225,000 in back fees.

While this is a great start, we want property owners to voluntarily become in good standing without having to go through any legal processes. With members paying their fees we will be able to take on these much-needed road, water and other improvements for the benefit of property owners.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brad Anthenat

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

*Café Cooks & Servers  
Front Desk & Office Staff  
Housekeeping*

- ◆ 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 [manager@terlinguaranch.com](mailto:manager@terlinguaranch.com)



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### REPORT BY: ADAM DALEY

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

First, I would like to thank all members who have paid their annual dues. Your commitment helps us plan and budget for a successful year. Second, a big thank you to the office staff for working so tirelessly with our property owners.

Updated financials have been posted to the POATRI website, and printed copies are available as well. Please share copies with your neighbors to help us save on printing costs.

Total income for June YTD is \$1,287,664.71 vs a budget of \$1,285,990 or \$1,674.71 over budgeted income. This is being driven by a collection of previously owed dues. Assessment collections are \$151,395.03 over projected budget, and \$180,880.73 higher than last year. Thank you to Property Owner Services staff on your work with all our members during this process.

Separating the supplemental from non-supplemental, meaning focusing on Lodge, RV, Café, retail sales, we are at \$512,143.58 vs budget of \$654,500 and compared to 2022 totals of \$636,648.14.

Café and retail sales drops are directly tied to decreased lodge and RV bookings.

With decreased occupancy and lower than expected staffing levels, expenses were also lower. Expenses YTD are at \$681,463.11 vs a budgeted \$788,617 and lower than last year's expenses of \$731,347.88. This is almost \$50,000 less than last year. So, with reduced income from supplemental sources (i.e. lodge, café, retail) the Ranch staff have done a fantastic job of keeping other costs down as well.

With total income and expenses, the Ranch's total net income is \$551,317.89 vs a budgeted amount of \$403,909. The \$551,317.89 is also higher than our 2022 YTD numbers of \$419,942.30. Once again, this positive is driven by the receipt of past dues owed, and all staff focusing on expense control. Thank you to Ed, Hayley, and Debbie for your work on this program, and thank you to everyone for managing expenses throughout the business.

Our audit firm, Lauterbach Borschow from El Paso, are still working on our 2021 audit. They should be complete with the 2021 full audit by October of 2023 and then begin on the financial review of 2022.

I also want to highlight the work of the Budget and Finance Committee. They are a very knowledgeable group that are committed to the long-term success of POATRI for the benefit of all property owners. Their work and focus cannot be highlighted enough. They continue to partner with the staff to make adjustments to ensure our financial documents follow GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) for our financial health and success.



## **WATER COMMITTEE REPORT - View complete Water Committee Report on Poatri.org**

### **REPORT BY: LARRY SUNDERLAND**

The Board of Directors having reviewed our non potable well's health, the consequences of increased demand for water from property owners to that health, our costs of delivery, and the monthly allotment per account, we will be increasing the price per gallon and reducing the monthly allotment per account. Property owners semi monthly allotment will be 500 gallons. Property owners windows for purchase are the 1st till the 15th and the 16th till the end of the month. Maximum amount per window is 500 gallons. The cost per gallon will increase to ten cents (\$.10) a gallon.

The Water Committee will work with the Board President and the Ranch Manager to collect sales and use data to share with the board and property owners at the October Meeting.

Proper oversight of our non potable water resource requires that we have a plan to manage that resource responsibly, allocate that resource in an equitable way, and to effectively communicate changes in sales or supply to property owners.

Input from the board and the property owners, at the Friday workshop, has identified areas of concern and actions needed. Over the next quarter the Water Committee will focus on supporting management in addressing these issues.

Issues identified:

- Our data capture on sales needs to be improved. New forms for property owners and those hauling water for others are being introduced to improve data capture.
- Metering of our non potable pumpage needs to be continued and more data collected.
- A calibrated delivery system, at the well, is needed.
- Procedures for determining available supply and staged triggers for increase or reduction of supply.
- How and where to timely communicate to property owners any changes in our price or allotments.

The board president and the Ranch Manager will manage the Smith Well Improvements bid package from bidding through construction.

The Cabin Well is ready for the 36 pump test which is the next step in the certification process required by TCEQ for its approval as a potable water source.

The stated purpose of the Water Committee is to provide both research and direction for a water management plan for Terlingua Ranch, and to provide education to property owners with regard to water sources, usage, and conservation by establishing and maintaining an informational and educational web site for property owners on all topics related to the water, and the environment of Terlingua Ranch.

The [poatriinthedesert.com](http://poatriinthedesert.com) website has information and links to articles and books that relate to water conservation, land restoration, and Dark Skies. In addition, if you have ever wondered what the Water Committee is up to and are they really doing anything, you will find on the website a Water Committee activity log. To further advance awareness and increase knowledge of how we can thrive in this desert community, we are working on a mock up of a educational newsletter concept to present to the board that will drop four times a year half way between our current POATRI newsletters.

## **COMMON PRICKLY PEAR CACTUS USES**

Prickly pear cactus — or also known as nopal, opuntia and other names — is promoted for treating diabetes, high cholesterol, obesity and hangovers. It's also touted for its antiviral and anti-inflammatory properties.

Some preliminary evidence shows that prickly pear cactus can decrease blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes. Some research also suggests that prickly pear cactus extract may lessen the unpleasant effects of a hangover, possibly due to its anti-inflammatory effects.

It might be too early to call prickly pear cactus a superfood, but it can be part of a healthy diet. It's high in fiber, antioxidants and carotenoids. Indeed, prickly pear cactus is popular in many areas of the world, including areas all over the Ranch, where it is a native plant and are known to live well over 20 years.

The edible parts are the leaves, flowers, stems and fruit. Prickly pear cactus is eaten whole (boiled or grilled). It is also made into juice and jams.

If you'd like to try prickly pear cactus, consider easing into it. Side effects for some people include mild diarrhea, nausea, increased stool frequency and abdominal fullness.



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE:

One of the results of having had poor assessment participation in the past is that numerous capital improvements need to be made throughout our facilities. Areas that need attention include the café and bunkhouse, cabins, camping areas, our pool and recreational facilities, equipment and vehicles for maintenance and operations staff, water system, horse facilities, and general buildings and grounds.

In the past few weeks, we have made progress on several projects. 50-year-old siding has been replaced on the deer locker and cold storage. Dark sky compliant light fixtures have been used as we remodel our buildings. These buildings surround our patio and are the first thing visitors to the café see. We installed air conditioning in the bunkhouse, thanks to the tireless efforts of Jerry Shaffer working on his days off. As we open the bunkhouse again it will be much more comfortable for recreation and events.

Another on-going project is remodeling of cabins 57 and 58. These should be completed before our busy season in October. As we redo the cabins, older inefficient air conditioning units are being replaced with mini-split heat and air handlers that use about 1/3 of the electricity.

There is a great deal of work being done on our water system and grounds in general. Plans for a water catchment system on the new covered RV sites is being developed. These structures were built with the necessary guttering in place. Storage tanks and distribution still need to be designed. Average annual rainfall would provide roughly 31,500 gallons of non-potable water each year.

Some of these initiatives will be complete in the coming weeks. Some will take years to complete. I invite your input as to which projects are important to each of you, our property owners.

Joe Quigley and Carl Erickson are doing the primary work on the deer locker and cold storage building. Carl also transformed the corrals and will be repainting the fence rails in the coming weeks. Justin Jones has been doing work on the water system and needed maintenance and upgrades on our heavy equipment.

We have received a bid on an emergency backup generator system to carry us through our all too frequent power outages. The roof on the bunkhouse is built on four-foot centers, and many of the timbers are due for replacement. We will be evaluating its condition and adding bracing for the timbers in the ceiling of the Café.

The list of projects is endless, but we are making progress every day. I am proud of all of our staff and the work they do for all of us here at Terlingua Ranch!

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## AROUND THE LODGE:

### Property Owner Appreciation BBQ Party

With a breeze on tap and music filling the air around White House Mountain, a laid-back evening full of community connection, dancing, and great food was enjoyed by over 100 guests who attended the Property Owners' Appreciation BBQ dinner on the Bad Rabbit Café patio.

Property Owners got a chance to meet the new Terlingua Ranch Manager, John Sellers, while he was busy making sure there was plenty of BBQ to enjoy. Friends, neighbors and resident guests were serenaded by the Scott Walker Band, a local favorite, while they mingled and shared laughter together on the historic patio of the Bad Rabbit Café, like many property owners have done before them.

As our community continues to evolve, these gatherings are a cherished memory for Property Owners, reminding us of the importance of the connection and camaraderie that can be built when we come together with a shared appreciation for the natural beauty and our desire to preserve what makes this area so unique!





# THANK YOU for your support

Dear Valued Property Owners,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the remarkable community response and participation regarding the POATRI assessment participation initiative. Each payment from Terlingua Ranch Property Owners contributes to the betterment of our one-of-a-kind community. Assessment payments total \$777,982.92 from January-mid July 2023 with an additional \$14,653.41 from property owner voluntary donations.

I have personally had the opportunity to meet hundreds of Terlingua Ranch Property Owners and get to talk to many more on a daily basis, most of whom share memories and stories with me about their experiences on the Ranch. Each engagement solidifies the undeniable impact this area has had on Property Owners and guests over the decades. The ongoing Property Owner commitment to fostering a sense of unity and collective responsibility within the community is commendable.

As a reminder, the annual assessment provides valuable resources and support to Property Owners in need of services provided by POATRI, as well as convenient amenities for Property Owner enjoyment. With the guidance of Ranch Manager, John Sellers, as well as the dedicated Terlingua Ranch staff and skilled Road Crew (all of whom are property owners themselves), necessary updates and upgrades are being made to the common areas enjoyed by Property Owners as well as our extensive dirt road system. There are also discussions around and plans being made for additional infrastructure upgrades as current projects reach completion. It's a great time to be part of Terlingua Ranch!

In addition to your financial contribution, your attendance in the quarterly Board Meetings and public Workshops, along with participation in various POATRI committees, is imperative to our community's longevity and you are encouraged to get involved in whatever way you may be able to contribute.

As a Property Owner resource, I am available to you should you have questions or need assistance regarding your land ownership and POATRI membership. I am also dedicated to listening to your concerns and working toward solutions. Your shared ideas, knowledge and feedback are welcomed and greatly appreciated, as it helps our community continue to thrive!

Sincerely,

*Hayley DeArman*

Hayley DeArman  
Property Owner Services

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

### East & West Corazones Peaks

Corazones Peaks is a pair of extremely steep and jagged mountains on the northeast edge of the Christmas Mountains seventy miles south of Alpine in south central Brewster County (at 29°30' N, 103°26' W). The peaks are part of a series of residual topographic highs developed on a single large Tertiary Age igneous intrusion into the Upper Cretaceous Boquillas formation. Their summits are about 1½ miles apart on an east-west line and rise in forbidding, near-vertical rock faces and broken inclines some 1,500 feet above the surrounding desert floor. At its summit the western peak reaches an elevation of 5,319 feet above sea level and the eastern peak 5,045 feet above sea level.

The peaks owe their high topography to the fact that they consist of rather dense, resistant igneous rocks, while the surrounding terrain is composed of the less resistant, flaggy Boquillas limestone, which is removed during weathering and erosion. Although the peaks themselves, especially at their upper elevations, are almost entirely bare rock, the lower slopes and the surrounding desert lowland support a

sparse growth of Chihuahuan Desert scrub, including such characteristic species as lechuguilla, creosote bush, ocotillo, and sotol. The origin of the name Corazones ("hearts") is obscure. A popular explanation is that a cleft in one of the mountains makes it resemble a heart.

Source: <https://www.tshaonline.org/handbook/entries/corazones-peaks>



*“By 1899, we had learned to tame the darkness, but not the Texas heat.”*

*- Jacqueline Kelly*

## WHAT ROAD CREW IS UP TO

With monsoon season upon us and two Road Crews busy working various areas of the Ranch on a weekly basis, there has been an increase in repair and activity in areas that need attention all over Terlingua Ranch. While Road Crew is out and about on the roads, they still rely on property owner feedback to ensure roads in need are added into the rotation, especially after rains. Depending on the road material, road work may be immediate or require time for road conditions to improve. As always, impassable roads are a top priority, so don't hesitate to submit a road request via email, online form or phone call if that situation arises.







## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Changes to Water Sales Rates - Effective Sept 1st

*In order to reverse the continuing decline in our wells, we are making changes to our current sales quantities and prices. We do this to ensure that we can continue to serve everyone who is dependent on this service.*

- **Sept. 1, 2023 – Non-potable** water increases to **10 cents per gallon**, with a **500 gallon limit every TWO weeks** (1st-15th and 16th-last day)
- **Sept. 1, 2023 - Potable** water sales increases to **25 cents per gallon**, with a **50 gallon limit every TWO weeks** (1st-15th and 16th-last day), in addition to **25 free weekly gallons**

### Change to Property Owner Cabin Room Rental Rate

- Property Owner rental rate is **decreased to \$69** (including tax) **per night**

### Board of Directions Election Details

Three Directors will be going off the board at the end of next January, and we have one vacancy, for a total of 4 Director positions. We encourage everyone who would like to serve, to consider submitting an application.

**You must be a Member in Good Standing to apply.**

- If you would like to view the qualification and liabilities of Directors, please review the Bylaws, Article 4.04
- **Sept. 1, 2023** - Director Applications will be available online and in the Lodge Office
- **Oct. 27, 2023** - Deadline for submitting Director Applications is at 5PM, on the Friday preceding the October Board Meeting
- **Nov. 28, 2023** - Deadline for having paid all POATRI assessments due under the TRMA. Voter's List will be run, and the Ballots will be created and posted on POATRI.org

## HISTORY of Terlingua Ranch Racing Team

In the early sixties racing car legend, Carroll Shelby and an attorney from Dallas, Dave Witts, found themselves owning a small ghost town called Terlingua in South-west Texas. The population stood at seven - not including nine goats and two Mexican burros.

Nestled on the Mexican border between the Rio Grand River and Big Bend National Park, the pair hoped to parcel off the surrounding 200,000 acres to hunters and make a few bucks. But it was scorching, inhospitable land with nothin' but rattlesnakes, a few mule deer and a whole lotta armadillos on it. So instead, several times a year Shelby, Witts and a few of their noted compadres ended up using it to have a good time. They'd load up in Shelby's DC-3 and fly down to the tiny town to have a some fun hunting, riding dirt bikes and swapping tall tales.

Figuring they had something coming to them as legit owners of a bonafied town, they wasted no time forming a city council, handing out all the choice political positions to their drinking buddies: Witts elected himself mayor and Shelby named himself Social Director, alternating as the local dog catcher as well. Automotive artist, Bill Neale, became the director of the Museum of Modern Art and Tom Tierney was elected Chief Justice of the Municipal Court. Other members of the Shelby Rat Pack were doled out esteemed positions as Director of Sanitation, Director of parks and Recreation, Director of Urban Housing, Inspector of Hides and Commodore of the Terlingua Navy.

The stories of life at Terlingua are legend; these were good friends; tough, strong men who worked hard and took their partying seriously. But they also had kind hearts. They began thinking of how they might do something to benefit the Terlingua community. While tossing ideas around about putting together a school, Tierney, a P.R. man for Ford Motor Company, asked if Neale could come up with a logo. On a napkin at a local Dallas watering hole, the rabbit with the sun and three feathers was born and the Terlingua City Council had an official coat of arms. After the Terlingua Ranch logo was created, Shelby told Neale, "You know it would be kinda neat to use this as a racing team logo, too! If you figure out how to do it, we'll use it on some of the GT350-R models I'm developing." Shelby brought the first car to Green Valley Raceway near Dallas on Valentines Day 1965. Ken Miles drove the car, designated 5R002. It was white with blue stripes and had the new Terlingua Racing Team logo on it. It was the first ever "R" model Shelby - winning the race that day!

Shameless pranksters, Neale and Shelby used their privileged pit access at the 1966 Indy 500, to apply the Terlingua Racing Team logo decal to every single car - well, except the one that won the race. After slapping the TRT logo on the Trans-Am cars, they targeted the King Cobras in the Can-Am series. Drivers who may have knowingly or unknowingly, added to the Terlingua Racing Team roster included Parnelli Jones, Dave McDonald, Ken Miles and Lew Spencer.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20210507100148/https://www.trtgear.com/pages/history>



## ROADS 101: Ensuring Sustainability

Proper dirt road maintenance is crucial to ensure their longevity, safety, and functionality. Dirt road maintenance encompasses key aspects such as grading, dust control, drainage, erosion prevention, and community involvement.

Grading and leveling are essential to keep dirt roads in good condition. Grading involves the use of heavy machinery to smoothen out the road surface, filling potholes and ruts that can lead to vehicle damage. Grading prevents the formation of large, uneven surfaces that may cause safety hazards and increase wear on vehicles.

Effective drainage is critical to prevent water from pooling on the road, which can lead to erosion and washouts. Proper road crowning, the construction of ditches, and culverts help divert water away from the road surface. Routine inspection and maintenance of these drainage structures are essential to ensure their functionality.

Dirt roads are susceptible to erosion, particularly during heavy rainfall or floods. Vegetation plays a crucial role in stabilizing road embankments and preventing erosion. Roadside vegetation should be maintained, and erosion-control techniques, such as terracing or the use of retaining walls, can be employed to safeguard the road against erosion.

Routine inspections of dirt roads are crucial for identifying maintenance needs before they escalate into costly problems. With the recent increase in Road Crew personnel, they are busy identifying potholes, erosion points, drainage issues, and other potential hazards and working on prompt repairs are essential to prevent further damage and improve road safety.

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



## NEW OWNER TIPS:

The Property Owners Association of Terlingua Ranch, Inc. is a non-profit corporation. We have approximately 5,000 members who own 9,500 individual tracts of land spanning the 190,000+ acres which comprise Terlingua Ranch. POATRI's goal is to be a benefit and resource to our property owners (members). Members and their rights are fully defined in Article 3 of our Bylaws.

Since July of 2005, the POATRI assessments have been based on an annual flat fee charge for each property owner account. Every October our Board of Directors may vote to increase the annual fee by the consumer price index or national inflation for the upcoming year. Our annual assessment fees are applied to all billable accounts at the end of November and the statements are mailed out in early December. **The annual assessments are due on March 31st.** A \$10 late fee is applied to all accounts that are not paid in full by April 15th.

As long as all of the deed is the exact same name(s), there will only be one account and one fee. If you were to buy additional tracts land with other friends, family or business names, then you could have several ac-

counts and be responsible for multiple annual assessment fees.

To offer perspective, the amount of the annual assessment pays for about an hour and a half of maintaining our roads.

It is the Property Owner's responsibility to make sure our office and the Brewster County Tax Office have a correct address and contact information on file. If you ever see anything on your statement that does not look correct, please reach out to Property Owner Services at [propertyinfo@terlinguaranch.com](mailto:propertyinfo@terlinguaranch.com) or (432) 371-3146 ext. 11 so the situation can either be explained or corrected.

Board of Directors information can also be found on <https://poatri.org/basics/board-information/> and includes Meetings and Minutes, financial information, elections and Committees.

We hope this information helps you better understand POATRI, it's designated purpose and how very small the assessment payment is compared to all of the benefits it provides. Please visit <https://poatri.org/library/> for more information.

## DARK SKY CORNER

In today's fast-paced and urbanized world, the beauty and tranquility of a star-filled night sky have become increasingly rare. However, there is a growing recognition of the importance of protecting our night skies and the creation of Dark Sky Reserves. These reserves are designated areas that prioritize the preservation of natural darkness, enabling stargazers, astronomers, and wildlife enthusiasts to experience the wonders of an unspoiled night sky.

Dark Sky Reserves play a crucial role in safeguarding the beauty, ecological balance, and scientific significance of our night skies. By prioritizing natural darkness, these reserves offer a myriad of benefits, including the protection of wildlife, the advancement of scientific research, the promotion of human well-being, and the stimulation of sustainable tourism. As we continue to recognize the value of our celestial heritage, preserving and expanding Dark Sky Reserves becomes an imperative task for the benefit of present and future generations.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 8/1 Full 'Sturgeon' Moon
- 8/2 Yoga w/ Susanna @ Cactus Farm \*EVERY Wednesday - 6pm  
\*Check Facebook for day and time changes  
Open Mic @ The Boathouse \*EVERY Wednesday - 7:30pm
- 8/3 Property Owners' Potluck @ Bunkhouse - 6pm
- 8/4 AA on the Porch @ Cactus Farm \*EVERY FRIDAY - 5pm
- 8/5 Community Market @ Ghost Town Community Garden  
\*EVERY Saturday - 10am
- 8/30 Full "Blue" Moon
- 9/2 BBQ Patio Party w/ Lee Haile @ Bad Rabbit Café - 7pm
- 9/4 Labor Day
- 9/7 Property Owners' Potluck @ Bunkhouse - 6pm
- 9/11 Patriot Day
- 9/21 International Day of Peace
- 9/29 Full "Harvest" Moon
- 9/30 BBQ Patio Party w/ Scott Walker Band @ Bad Rabbit Café - 7pm
- 10/1 International Coffee Day
- 10/5 Property Owners' Potluck @ Bunkhouse - 6pm
- 10/7 World Smile Day
- 10/9 Columbus Day
- 10/27 Board of Directors' Public Workshop @ Lodge Bunkhouse 1pm
- 10/28 Board of Director's Public Meeting @ Lodge Bunkhouse 10am  
Property Owner Appreciation Party @ Bad Rabbit Café - 7pm  
Full "Hunter's" Moon
- 10/31 Halloween
- 11/2 Property Owners' Potluck @ Bunkhouse - 6pm

## 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](mailto:propertyinfo@terlinguaranch.com)

## GET INVOLVED!

### WATER COMMITTEE

Larry Sunderland - Chair  
Jerry Schaffer  
Trent Edwards  
Candus Cornett  
Hayley DeArman  
Brad Anthenat  
Richard Cummins

### BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Adam Daley - Chair  
Christine Schlaudraff  
Roger Foltz  
Donald Garrett  
Linda Shank  
Trent Edwards  
Ed Marcato  
Jim Spofford  
Bill Vogl  
Brad Anthenat

### COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

Bill Vogl & Hayley DeArman - Chairs  
John Sellers

### ROAD COMMITTEE

Barbara Levedahl - Chair  
Judy Eron  
Guy Hopkins  
Bill Brown  
Marbert Moore  
Trent Edwards  
Jennifer Renter  
Kent Gray  
Ed Marcato  
Brad Anthenat

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





## TERLINGUA RANCH EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**DEBBIE MCLARTY - BOOKKEEPER EXTRAORDINAIRE**

**Hometown:** Born and raised in Texas but no hometown

**When did you start working for Terlingua Ranch?** May 2021

**What is the most unusual aspect of working here?**

I learn something new every day!

**What was the first concert you ever attended?** AC/DC

**What is your favorite pastime?** I love to quilt, especially scrappy quilts.

**Where is your favorite destination you've visited, and why?**

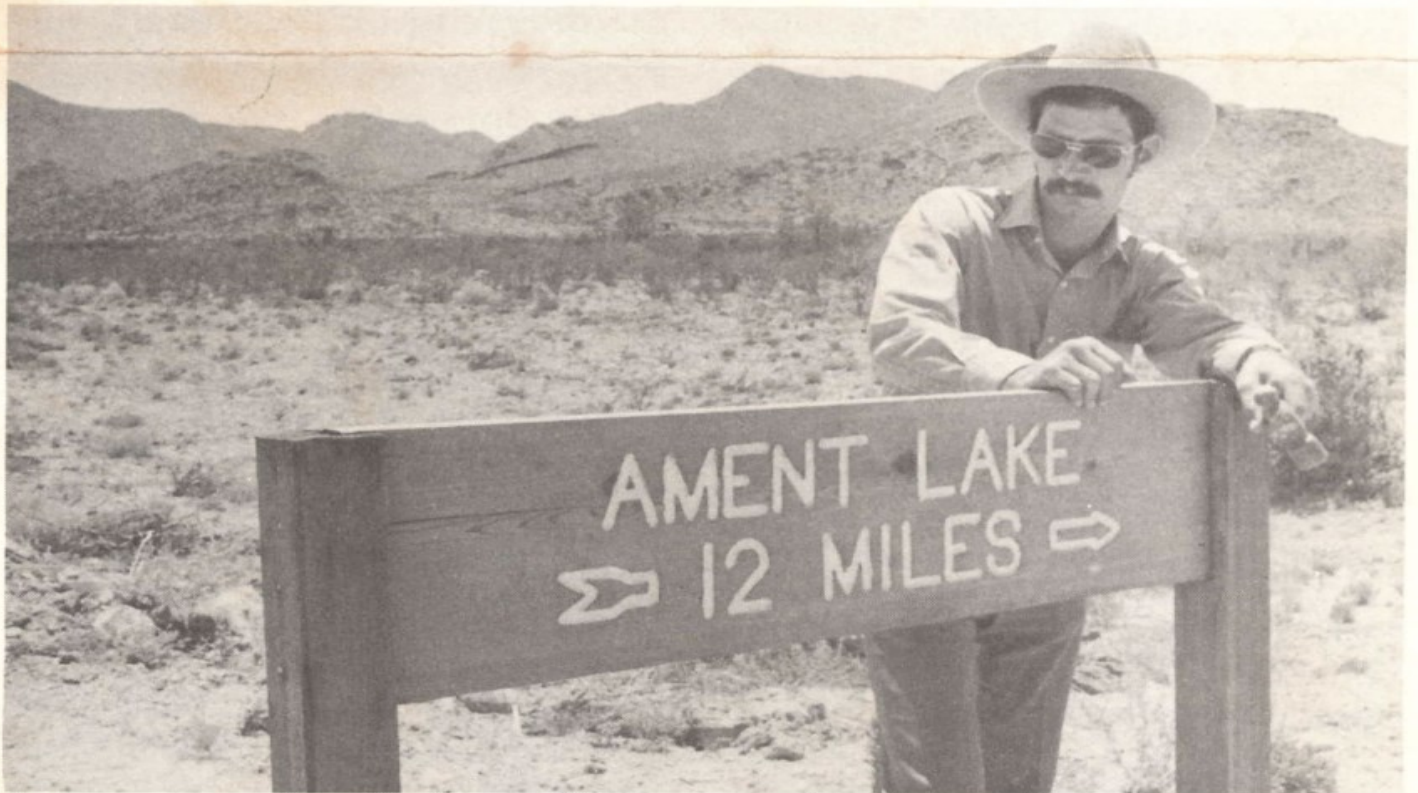
Wyoming.

**What is one thing most people don't know about you?** I love to wade fish for Reds!

**If you had to eat only one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Medium rare steak, shrimp fettuccini, sweet baby carrots, garden salad with Balsamic dressing, Blue Bell Homemade Vanilla Ice Cream.

**If you won a million dollars, what would you do?** Raise horses.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST (Circa 1973)



**TOYAH TAYLOR PUTS FINISHING TOUCHES ON RUSTIC SIGN**  
... Directional, informational signs placed across ranch