

Friends of Big Bend Ranch State Park
Board Meeting via ZOOM 5/15/2024
Recorded and submitted by Patrick McKee, Secretary
Called to order 6:15PM CDT

1. Meeting called to order by Joni Buck, President. Quorum established
In attendance:
Patrick McKee, Joni Buck, Scott Whitener, Lauren Cecil, Chris Childs, Amanda Guthrie
BBRSP Superintendents: Thomas Forwood
Guest: Shannon King
Absent: Todd Bureau, David Long, Kevin Urbanczyk, Kim Keith
2. Minutes of 2/21/2024 Annual Board meeting - no discussion. Patrick McKee moved to approve, Lauren Cecil seconded, motion to approve 2/21/2024 meeting minutes passed.
3. Treasurer's Report - Lauren Cecil reported for Kim Keith
As of 5/15/2024
MNB balance \$76,722.06
PayPal \$801.02
4. Administrator's report - Patrick McKee for Martha Stafford
 - a. Nate Gold reported he could not accept FoBBRSP due to TPWD guidelines; we will request he return it by mail
 - b. Biking Guide signage 1st invoice received
 - c. TPWD Docent Scholarship awarded to Jose Tavarez; Martha Stafford confirmed since \$2,000 approved for 2023 and not used, it can be awarded without further Board approval
5. BBRSP Superintendent's Report - Thomas Forwood - Acting Complex Superintendent
 - a. David Renninger tendered resignation; maintaining park until open positions are filled; TPWD Docent Scholarship awarded to Jose Tavarez
 - b. Ian Munoz - BBRSP Maintenance Operator
Maintaining park trails
Partnering with Sierra Club and Big Bend Trails Alliance
100's of volunteer hours reported for trails maintenance

Friends proposed hosting BBRSP Staff appreciation event proposed 9/15/2024
National Trails Day June 1, 2024
6. Old Business
 - a. BWVC Signage - Tom Forwood
Requested \$400 funding increase for metal signage
Motion to approve additional \$500(2024 approved budget item \$500)
Chris Childs moved to approve, Patrick seconded, motion to approve additional \$500 for BWVC signage passed.
 - b. Credit Card update - Patrick McKee

Discussion of credit card vs. 2nd MNB checking account with debit card for BBRPS park staff use. Board resolved to open a 2nd MNB checking account.

Chris Childs moved to approve Friends of BBRSP opening a 2nd MNB checking account specifically designated for funding of BBRSP expense requests approved by the Board. Kim Keith, Treasurer, to open said account titled FoBBRSP(Friends of Big Bend Ranch State Park). Scott Whitener seconded motion. Motion passed.

c. Bookkeeper search - Patrick

Don McKee, Accountant in San Angelo, offered to donate his services to maintain the Quickbooks for Friends of BBRSP. Patrick McKee and Don McKee are not related.

Lauren Cecil moved for Patrick McKee to engage Don McKee as bookkeeper on a volunteer basis. Scott Whitener seconded motion. Motion passed.

d. Texans for State Parks annual conference - Patrick

Update on conference activities - see attached conference program.

7. Fundraising - Lauren Cecil

- a. 2024 online auction spreadsheet for donors/donations distributed to all board members
- b. 2024 online auction October 1 to TBD at later date

8. Marketing - Joni Buck

- a. Website updated - By-laws, Budget and board meeting minutes located under Mission/About
- b. Newsletter - need for content and photos
BBRSP safety tips
Auction updates with donated items donated

Scott Whitener tendered his resignation from the Board, effective at the close of this meeting.

9. Next meeting - August 21, 2024 6pm CDT

Annual board meeting November 9 - discussion of BBRSP park staff appreciation event

10. Adjournment - Patrick McKee moved to adjourn meeting, Scott Whitener seconded motion. Meeting adjourned