

Board of Directors

Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc.
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2014



The Board of Directors of Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. met in regular session on Saturday February 15, 2014 in the Board Room, Fort Clark Springs, Kinney County, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by acting President Bill Herman. A quorum was established with the following directors present: Roby Roberson, Sandra Hagen, and B.E. Sweet. Also present was Jodee Stevens, Director of Operations, and Monique Jensen, Office Manager. Observers recorded in Board Minutes Binder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from William Haen in regard to his organization Friends of Fort Clark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Roberson moved to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes for January 18, 2014. Hagen seconded the motion. Motioned carried with all voting in favor.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS REPORT: Stevens started out with a Valentine's greeting. Fort Clark Days is coming upon us with efforts to making it a great weekend moving forward. The banner to hang over Highway 90 is ordered. Plans for a walking bridge to cross the creek are in the works so that visitors may cross over to the cannons and boy scouts. Clean up continues with tree trimming, clearing out debris in the creek with picking up trash and old tires. It's looks great! Auditors were here in January. They sent 2 people here to start work on the audit. They were here for 4 days and were in and out (compared to the 6 months it took the other firm). We should have confirmation of the final audit hopefully in time and on time for the annual meeting in April. We will start transitioning the Teen Center into the new gym in the next few months. We'll start by getting the Adult Center ready for the teens and youth. This should take a few months. Stevens wanted to remind the membership that her appointment days are Tuesdays and Wednesday and anyone can make an appointment to meet with her if they have questions regarding things they may have heard and would like clarification. Stevens displayed 4 months of financials on the screen to do a 4 month comparison of the budget and what has been spent and what remains. Also displayed was a 4 year comparison of the bank balance which reflected an increase in the last 2 years. Highlights of the last couple of years are the Fort looks great with the clean up; trash pick up is 1 day a week; employees were given raises; we have an Human Resources dept.; no rates have been raised; we have brought our 30 year old DOS system to be current; we have not taken out any loans (we are still paying on 4 outstanding loans); and the land fill is not costing extra. The Fort Clark Marketing Video was shown – the final product. Stevens stated that the video would also be shown at the annual meeting and then to be put on YouTube so that it can go viral. She also stated that members would be able to pick up a cd at the front desk.

Sandra Hagen took a moment to clarify the article in the Brackett Herald grossly misquoted her. She did not and does not feel in any way that our employees are not valuable. She only stated there are people who expressed to her those thoughts.

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COMMITTEE AND ORGANIZATION REPORTS: The following committees presented oral reports to the board: Architectural, Golf, Preservation, Community Council and Recycling.

ARCHITECTURAL: Glenn White reported 5 permits were applied for and approved. He gave credit to the secretary who screens and assists members so well.

GOLF: Sandy Hagen reported there were 1003 rounds of golf with 226 non-members. January 1st Hangover tournament, Skins, and end of month tournaments took place in January. Today is a Skins tournament at 1pm. Las Moras Tournament will be March 14-16 and managed by Fort Clark Springs Golf Associations. Golf committee plans to sponsor an 18-hole putting tournament with details coming soon.

PRESERVATION: Garland Young reported the French drains at the Commissary building would be addresses after Fort Clark Days. March 24 is scheduled for the ramp at the Service Club.

COMMUNITY: Allison Watkins reported 87 people present at the last Community Council although only 56 signed in. The meeting consisted of mostly positive feedback. Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is happening this month. We are having the final push for Fort Clark Days and are still in need of volunteers. Please see Sue Martin or Debbie Isaacs if you would like to volunteer. We have 100 living historians coming; contributions are down—please donate; 60% of funds go to Preservation. No amendments passed at the last meeting to re-write the By-Laws and Constitution so they will try again in November. Next meeting is March 1st.

RECYCLING: Close to having another load go out.

15-MINUTE MEMBER DISCUSSION:

Mary Hahn – She wanted to know if the Guidon Flags at the Empty Saddle monument were going to be replace—especially since Fort Clark Days was coming up soon. Allison Watkins responded that they flags are replaced prior to Fort Clark Days. Stevens responded that they would be replaced and further added that it will be included in next year's budget to be able to replace them since they are custom flags and cost \$1200.

Garland Young – Applauded Stevens for the great presentation of the financials. He asked why there is so much money in the accounts now? Young stated that if you think of previous years as a sieve – Jodee Stevens plugged the holes. Young also addressed an e-mail that has gone viral among the members as disgusting—enough is enough. He stated that Stevens has proven her worth.

John Rosettsky – Don't send out reciprocal links on our website.

Steve Giblin – Thanked Stevens for the Video. He asked the Board of Directors to reconsider the subject of the Lee Winchell Recycle Center. He stated that he would like to hear the reason the Directors have to not take action on this. Giblin stated that he admired Mr. Winchell for the work he did in serving our community not only on the Board of Directors but with all that he was involved in including the Recycling Center. He also stated that he would like to see the division between the directors erased.

Mary Francis Partlow – Posed the question of the displayed balance if it was in one account? Stevens responded the total consists of 5 total accounts including the impound fund and general fund, etc.

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RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION 10:17 A.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 11:24 A.M.

ORAL SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION HELD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Herman stated that discussion of employee matters, preparations for the annual meeting took place. Herman also stated the video camera recording today's meeting ran out of memory therefore it stopped recording the meeting sometime prior to the Executive Session.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TIME AND DATE: The next regular board meeting will be held on March 15, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:45 A.M.

Sandra Hagen, Secretary

William Herman, President