



The Board of Directors of Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc. met in regular session on Saturday, March 21, 2015 in the Board Room, Fort Clark Springs, Kinney County, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice President B.E. Sweet. Roll call established a quorum with the following directors present: B.E. Sweet – Vice President, Bill Herman – Associate Vice President, Myrna Cassel – Secretary, and Sandra Hagen - Treasurer. Also present were John Hodge – Director of Operations and Monique Jensen – Office Manager. Roby Roberson – President was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE: Sweet introduced John Hodge. Cassel proceeded to read a letter submitted by local student Amber Resendez who expressed thanks for monetary donation to help her with her 4H project and gave a brief description of working with two kid goats. Cassel then read a letter from Kathy Warm of commendation and thanks to the Maintenance Department regarding a chain/barrier installed. Cassel also read a letter addressed to Russell White, President of the Fort Clark Springs Horse Club requesting a meeting of the club. She finally read a letter from Ruth L. Spencer regarding advertising ideas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cassel moved to approve the minutes from February 21, 2015 meeting. Herman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval Transfer of Funds: Herman moved to approve the transfer of funds expected for March 2015. Hagen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT:

John Hodge first thanked the Board of Directors for hiring him and bringing him on board. He briefly gave background on himself and his wife and kids. They have purchased a home on the Fort, and his family will be joining him soon. He continued with his career background starting with sweeping up to becoming Director of Operations at Knotts Berry Farm and Director of Operations at Mission San Juan Capistrano most recently. He highlighted key points in his education with Associate in Criminal Justice, Bachelor's in Organizational Management, Master's in Management. During the interview process, he was given a tour of the Fort which started at Dickman Hall. He fell in love with the Fort and with Dickman Hall and is really excited to be here.

He explained that he's looking at financial accountability and policies and procedures of cash handling, making sure all departments operate the same. He hasn't found anything wrong, just trying to make sure there is transparency and accountability. He asked the departments to give him weekly reports so that he can see the profit and loss trends.

He has plans for increasing marketing of the Fort to bring in more revenue through package deals, new advertising books in the motel rooms, a new map for Kinney County and Fort Clark Springs, and inviting journalists to come and visit. He is working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Fort is already in the Texas Tour and Meeting Guide for free this year with 90,000 total distribution, including travel shows and digital distribution. The amenity/advertising books for the Motel have already raised \$1000 for advertising to get them started and in the rooms soon. He wants to share Fort Clark Springs with the public and charge a resort fee to bring in revenue and show the value of membership. Corporate events are another way to market the Fort and increase revenue. Signs and billboards need to be improved.

He is currently working on a plan to open the bar in Dickman Hall so that revenue can be put back into Dickman Hall renovations. He feels strongly that the restaurant needs to be next to the Motel for strategic planning.

Board of Directors

Fort Clark Springs Association, Inc.

Regular Meeting

March 21, 2015

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

Architectural Committee: Seven permits submitted and all approved. Two letters went out to remind members of expiring permits. The committee is soliciting any members who are interested in serving on the Architectural Committee for this next year and anyone interested can submit their name at the front desk.

Golf Committee: Rounds of golf for the month of February were 1002, rounds included 160 outside guests consisting of military and students. Hope Tournament was successful with 96 players and \$1870 presented to the HOPE center. Golf course made \$800 and the restaurant benefitted. March 23 will be a Marshal's Clinic given by Trent Brown. Las Moras Tournament has 24 teams committed so far with \$1700 in sponsor donations.

Preservation Committee: Palisado building is no longer leaning. The next two projects up for bid are the Seminole building and Fire station. After those projects the committee will concentrate on in-house projects for the drainage ditch followed by the rock wall at the dog park.

Community Council: At the last meeting, John Hodge was introduced. Also, Pat Malencon presented pictures of the creek and areas that could potentially be cleaned up through the grant the county is receiving. Allison has agreed to be the Member-At-Large. Philip Garcia informed Community Council that a baler has been found but we are waiting on the electrical at the Recycling Center to be upgraded since the baler needs to have a three-phase electric.

Recycling Committee: Recently sent out 26 gay lords.

RV Committee: (Committee submitted a written report.) Campers World is still seeing lots of cross country cyclers and RV park is going strong. There are 15 full-time residents, seven full-time workers from the area. Winter Texan count will start decreasing in March. We had a successful Annual golf cart progressive dinner. Breakfast committee provided a great meal. Today, March 21st, is the last pancake breakfast of the season. RV committee also thanks everyone who has supported the pancake breakfast this year. RV committee has donated funds to Fort Clark Days, Las Moras Tournament, and Recreation Committee.

Recreation Committee: Had a great fundraiser of chili and corn bread at Fort Clark Days. April 20th will be a golf cart Poker Run. November 23 will be a Thanksgiving Dinner. Details for 3 more events to come soon.

Airport Advisory Committee: Had a meeting to review resolutions and will bring recommendations next month for the Board. Please include the airport in the publicity and marketing of Fort Clark Springs. With all the recent rains they continue to fight the Huisache and Mesquite on the runway. Next meeting will be March 31st at Ziggy's at 6pm.

Declarations Compliance Committee: Met eight times. Completed all declarations and incorporated language from Texas Law for recommended changes. They are going through a second review. Conclusion is that our declarations are not in compliance. Thank you to John Hodge for attending the meeting. It appears that the two binders containing some resolutions that may be void because they have not been recorded.

Consideration /Approval: Director's Absence

Cassel moved to approve Roberson's excused absence for the Board of Director's meeting on February 21st and for today's meeting. Hagen seconded the motion. Sweet explained that Roberson could not attend the meeting on February 21st due to continuing education with his job and also today because of the Builder's Expo in Del Rio that he has helped to organize as part of his job. The vote was called, and the motion passed unanimously.

Consideration/Approval: Report on Action by BOD on proposed MUD legislation (HB1402/SB552)
Cassel moved to discuss for the purpose of member information. Sweet explained the legislation would affect the Las Moras Spring. The Board felt it was in the best interest of the Association to show opposition to this legislation and convened through e-mail to write a resolution of opposition. Cassel read aloud the resolution. Four directors were in favor of the resolution and one was opposed. William Haenn interrupted to say that the email action taken by the Board was illegal and that the Board must now take action in a regular board meeting. Cassel moved to approve the resolution of opposition to HB1402/SB552. Hagen seconded the motion. Vote was taken and was unanimous.

Consideration/Approval: Gravel for RV Park
Cassel moved to direct Hodge to have Philip Garcia to get a bid for completing the gravel work at the RV Park, the work to be completed this summer. Hagen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Hagen stated that a cost analysis should be done to ensure the funds are available.

15-MINUTE MEMBER DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Friends of Fort Clark Historic District (William Haenn): Conducted a walking tour for Airstream Group during Fort Clark Days; Haenn again: Trooper James G. Madison passed away Monday. He was a Buffalo Soldier who had visited Fort Clark twice. Haenn requested that the Fort lower the flag at Empty Saddle to half-staff on his behalf. Haenn: Thank you to the maintenance department for the immediate removal of a dead tree in the Historic District. John Rosettsky: Welcome to the new Director of Operations; we need to stick together.

RECESS OPEN MEETING TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: TIME: 10:20 AM

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – Oral Summary of discussion held: TIME: 11:30 AM

Sweet reported there was discussion of personnel matters and personnel contracts. Discussion of contracts that will be expiring soon such as CPL and our phone system.

Announcements of events on the Fort on March 28: Historical Society is having a presentation/program on the movies that were made on the Fort. Also, Old Quarry is presenting a Fiddler at the Post Theater the same evening.

CONFIRMATION OF NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Reminder of the Annual Membership meeting at Post Theater at 10 a.m. next Saturday, March 28. The next regular board meeting will be held on April 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room.

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


Myrna Cassel, Secretary


B.E. Sweet, Vice-President

Minutes submitted by: Monique Jensen