

## TMTC Board of Director Meeting Minutes May 15, 2005

Attendance: Paul Beidelman, Jack Slack, Jim Jones, Dick Stuart, Carol Smith, Steve Thompson (6:25), Leslie Ramirez, Gary Hazel, Mike Haynes, Stacy Newman, Alan Hatcher, Laura White

The teleconference was called to order at 6:05.

The minutes from the January 29 directors meeting were reviewed and accepted. The financial report shows revenue is up and expenses are down due in large part to actions taken at the end of last year.

### OLD BUSINESS

Land Acquisition Committee reported that a detailed list of steps and RTF requirements for actually purchasing land was presented to the owner/agent of the Chapman Ranch. Other site issues (fencing, county road, water frontage etc...) with this ranch are being worked out. Meanwhile, two additional properties have come on the market in about the same area and will be visited. The Hackberry Creek (Chimney Springs) property is deemed too expensive and not attainable. Two smaller sites (180-300 acre) in San Antonio which are former quarries are being investigated.

Leslie reported that the public hearings prior to allowing motorized vehicles back into Angelina Forest are progressing smoothly. TMTC and NFS appear to be working together to make this happen with TMTC positioning itself to manage and operate the trails system.

Leslie reported the IRS requested more information on our 501(c)3 request. Specifically they required more details on our lack of employees and other detailed financial records.

The economic impact study of BMRA on Upshur County and the City of Gilmer has begun and is progressing rapidly.

No applications have been received for the Leadership and Land Stewardship conference to be held June 23 -26. Paul will find out the decision date to terminate the conference so as not to lose money on the venue reservation. No contract was signed with Del Albright.

The Trail, Erosion and Re-vegetation committee reports the entrance to BMRA is now split into an entrance and exit road on either side of the office with a 'green' area in front of the office. The issue of erosion with our neighbor and the pipeline company has not moved forward as fast as desired. The pipeline company has not maintained the pipeline right of way or the road to their tank battery. We continue to collect riprap for this project. Jack will meet with them again this week.

The BMRA operations committee reports we now have a dump trailer and two 40 foot containers for storage.

## NEW BUSINESS

BMRA operation committee reports the gas well pad is ready for gas well drilling. The initial water well drilling resulted in a dry hole. However another well will be drilled. More specifications and details surrounding the payment of the surface damage fees are needed to separate the new well payments from the pipeline maintenance fees. Jack has received a check for \$10,000 but additional meeting and discussions with Burke Royalty are needed to flesh out the details.

Leslie reports she has been replaced on the TAW/RTF board by Scott Bolter of TERRA. Thus Carol Smith is the only pro TMTC member on the board. We proposed to nominate additional pro TMTC people to this board.

In preparation for the upcoming election the board voted to nominate Gary Hazel for president and Dick Stuart for secretary. One 'No' vote was received on Gary Hazel's nomination. As requested by Stacy Newman, the no vote, his remarks are reprinted here in their entirety.

It is my intention to vote NAY on the nomination of Gary Hazel for TMTC President. I know that my NAY vote will not sway the vote towards Gary's nomination, however I will not vote yea as part of the group. Instead, I take this opportunity to express my feelings regarding the office of TMTC President and its duties to the entire state of Texas. Gary has been an exemplary addition to the TMTC BOD, specifically with all of the work that he's been a part of in northeast TX regarding BMRA, its operations, and events held at that location. I want to make it clear, though, that the office of TMTC President will take much more effort across the entire state of Texas, and not just BMRA. My vote NAY is not to block Gary Hazel from nomination, but to remind ANYONE that is considering running for the office of TMTC President that their focus as President should be on TMTC as an organization and not just on BMRA as a park.

In addition the odd year representative positions have incumbents that will run again except for the vacant 'At Large' position. The nomination received by the board for the at large position is Bruce Shirey, for the motorcycle position is John Harris, and for the ATV position is Bubba Hickman.

After discussion the board voted to sponsor a statewide OHV conference in the spring of 2006. The champion for this project was not determined.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dick Stuart  
TMTC corporate secretary  
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