

**El Camino Real de los Tejas  
National Historic Trail Association  
Board of Directors Annual Meeting  
October 11, 2019  
Apache Pass, Rockdale, TX**

The meeting was called to order at 9:42 a.m. by Tom Byrd. Other Board members attending were Cindy Freeman, John Pruett, and Dave Regan. A quorum was not obtained. Rather than adjourn the Annual Meeting, the meeting continued with reports.

Others in attendance were Steven Gonzales (Executive Director ELCAT), Elaine Sullivan (ELCAT staff), John Cannella (National Park Service), Kristin Van Fleet (National Park Service), and Brad Patterson (Texas Historical Commission).

Items considered for electronic approval before the Annual Meeting included:

1. Minutes of the July 2019 quarterly meeting, approved as presented with corrections. A corrected copy will be sent by email to Board Members.
2. Governance: Nominations were approved.
3. Finance: approved. The administrative charge for overhead (currently 5%) was briefly discussed, as was the addition of a footnote to the spreadsheet to define carryover of restricted funds.

Executive Director's (ED) Report – the written report was provided in your Board Materials.

1. FY 19 Signing – purposed for FY19 were Austin/Travis County and Floresville/Wilson County. Floresville/Wilson County has gone forward, while Austin/Travis County is still in the works. The association has worked with NPS, TxDOT, and THC towards agreed-upon guidelines for signing.
2. Onion Creek Metro Park Documentation and SA to Austin Retracement Trail developments. The ED has worked with the City of Austin parks staff to gain tentative approval for the Onion Creek Metro Park project to move forward. Plan to do GPS mapping on December 16-17 of McKinney Falls swales and rock walls, and authenticate with GTI assistance. Concerning the SA to Austin Trail, retracement data is being collected regarding publicly-accessible sites near the trail corridor, potential partners, and interested parties. A conceptual map will be prepared to share at outreach meetings.
3. Model Trail Community Development in the Caddo Region and SA-Goliad Region. Floresville held an outreach meeting in September of 2019 with considerable interest. The association received a letter from Billy Nungesser, Lieutenant Governor of Louisiana, requesting that we allow the Caddo Region Marketing Group to become an official Chapter of the association. Materials necessary to form a chapter have been sent to former Board Member Duke Lyons who is involved with the group.
4. Development of Interpretive Panels for Apache Pass, Floresville, and the Arroyo San Francisco Rio Grande Overlook in Zapata County. The National Trails Intermountain

- Region has created a Request for Proposals for all of these sites and Nacogdoches and Nacogdoches County. It is anticipated that the Apache Pass and Nacogdoches panels will be fabricated in 2020. Panels for Floresville and Arroyo San Francisco will be in the works much longer as the NPS would like to see enhancement of the sites.
5. Camino Real Traveling Exhibit. The exhibit entitled, "*El Camino Real de los Tejas: Its History, People, and Places*" has recently been finalized and fabricated. ELCAT Program Manager Elaine Sullivan initially designed this exhibit. Shared visions additionally supported the work from the reviewers at the NPS, NITR, GTI, and multiple current and former Board members. It will be debuting at our current annual meeting. The ED provided us with exhibit rental cost that is dependent upon the renting organization's budget.
  6. FY20 Activity Highlights
    - a. Signing, new in Austin/Travis County and San Antonio/Bexar County, finalization in San Marcos/Hays County, and Nacogdoches/Nacogdoches County. Also, work with a GIS intern from Texas State to create a database to track signings.
    - b. Association Brochure
    - c. Traveling Exhibit
    - d. Onion Creek Metro Park and SA to Austin Retracement Trail.
    - e. Model Trail Community initiatives
    - f. Arroyo San Francisco at Rio Grande Overlook site planning with NPS, NTIR, TxDOT, Zapata County, the River Pierce Foundation, and interested parties.
  7. FY21 and FY22 Proposed Signing Locations.
    - a. Sabine and Karnes Counties, FY21; Cherokee County and the second phase of Sabine and Natchitoches Parishes.
  8. FY 21 and FY22 Proposed Annual Meeting Locations
    - a. FY21, Floresville, FY22, Natchitoches

#### Committee Reports:

1. San Antonio/Goliad Region, Dave Regan, a written report provided in board materials.
2. Brazos Region, John Pruett, during this quarter, work has focused on the Rancheria Grande Chapter planning for hosting the Annual Meeting.

National Park Service – John Cannella reported that a new 5-year Cooperative Agreement is in place and a 1-year funding agreement for FY20. He appreciated the time together and in the field.

The Board meeting adjourned to the General Membership meeting at 11:49 a.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,  
John Pruett  
Secretary