

**El Camino Real de Los Tejas
National Historic Trail Association
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting
October 16, 2015
LaPosada Hotel, Laredo, TX**

Meeting called to order by Carl Mica at 1:50 p.m., via online connection. A quorum was present.

Board Members in Attendance: Carl Mica (online), Henry Mayo, John Kisalus, Gary Dunnam, Joy Graham (online), Lucille Estell (online), George Altgelt, Maureen Winn, Duke Lyons (online), Chris Talbot.

Others in Attendance: Steven Gonzales, April Garner (THC), Aaron Mahr (NPS), John Cannella (NPS), Jose Vela (new Director).

Board Members Absent: Irene Ramos, Linda Curtis-Sparks, Maureen Brown, Rufus Davis, Sarah Gould

Minutes from July 17, 2015 Board meeting were approved without changes, by motion (Lucille¹, Gary²)

Carl Mica called for reports from the committees.

Governance Committee report – presented by John K.

The slate of officers for 2016, from the Governance Committee, was presented and elected by motion (Gary¹, Maureen²) [Talbot - Pres., Mayo - VP, Gould - Sec., Estell – Treas., Mica – Imm. Past-Pres.]
All Proposed Bylaw changes had passed unanimously at the Membership Meeting (earlier today)

Finance Committee report – presented by Henry (ledger and reports in Board meeting notebooks)
Steven explained what appeared to be a budget line overspending of about \$900 for travel.

A motion passed to accept the Financial Committee Report (Gary¹, John²)

Development Committee report – Chair, Maureen Winn, stated that no report was available for submission. (no action)

Community Relations Committee report – presented by Chris (written report in Board meeting notebooks)

Chris explained that the committee approved and was making a recommendation for the full board to accept that FY16 Signage money (~\$4,500) be spent on signing in San Antonio at the request of the NPS. The NPS would then expend an equal amount in Nacogdoches County for the FY16 signing effort taking place there.

Chris also explained the committee's recommendation for Trail signage funding in FY17 (Floresville / Wilson County and Carrizo Springs / Dimmit County) and FY18 (Goliad / Goliad County and Austin / Travis County).

Chris also discussed working toward incorporating signing at the Alamo, due to the Alamo Plaza redevelopment initiative, and suggested that board member Sarah Gould work with city and state leaders toward this end. Sarah will be consulted about this proposition.

Chris mentioned that the ECR Assoc. should help promote the 100th anniversary of NPS in 2016.

A motion passed to accept the Committee's signage recommendations with flexibility, if time-sensitive opportunities or needs arise in other counties (Maureen¹, Lucille²)

Executive Committee report (written report in Board meeting notebook) no questions and no action

Executive Director's report – briefly explained by Steven and included: 1) Highlights of his activities in 2015, 2) Updates on the NPS Centennial, 3) Updates on signing in Brazos, Robertson, and Sabine Counties, and 4) Information on a proposed reservoir in Milam County. (written report in Board meeting notebooks)

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Carl announced results of the evaluation of Steven, as Director. He received an A, with a 90%+ score.

April Garner gave a quick update of THC activities. These included new tourism signage work and new web apps and brochures. Regarding the Trail, she said that THC is conducting a feasibility study to determine if the Mission Delores site in Sabine County could be acquired by the agency as a State Historic Site.

Chris presented an engraved clock to Carl, for his service as President of the Association and presented plaques to Joy, Linda and Gary for Board service, as their terms end.

Aaron Mahr presented a draft of the NPS Development Plan for Lobanillo, and said asked for review and comments to be submitted by December 18th.

Jose Emilio Vela, newly-elected Board member, from Zapata County, was thanked for attending.

A motion passed to adjourn, at 2:47 p.m. (George¹, everyone else²)

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Henry Mayo