

**El Camino Real de los Tejas
National Historic Trail Association
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting
January 19, 2019
AGE Building, Austin, TX**

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Tom Byrd, President. A quorum was present.

Board Members in attendance: Dave Regan, Cindy Freeman, Tom Byrd, Henry Mayo, Lynn Young, Chris Talbot, Sarah Gould, John Pruet, and on-line with GoToMeeting Chip Briscoe.

Board Members absent: Rebecca Blankenbaker and Ellen Riojas Clark.

Others in attendance were Steven Gonzales (Ex. Director ELCAT), Elaine Sullivan (ELCAT staff), and Brad Patterson (THC).

Minutes of the October Meeting were approved by vote: Lynn¹, Sarah². (Action Item)

Committee Report: Finance, Cindy Freeman, chair, delivered the finance report, which was accepted by vote: Lynn¹, Cindy². (Action Item)

Executive Director's Report (written report available in Board Book)

- a) Put forth the suggestion to have an ad hoc Annual Meeting Committee that can help in planning of the Annual Meeting and to reach out to local Association members, in the event location, to participate in the planning and development of the Annual Meeting. It was determined that the President can create and appoint the Chair of the Annual Meeting Committee. Chris¹, Chip² moved that we will organize an ad hoc Annual Meeting Committee with the President and the Executive Director making committee assignments. (Action Item)
- b) Due to the Federal shut down there is concern over the March deadline for the encumbering of funds for signing. Due to the slow process of review, and variation in TxDOT review from District to District, Sarah recommended we have a TxDOT representative attend our meetings. It was also suggested that the Executive Director prepare a Powerpoint to instruct TxDOT as to the process.
- c) There was a discussion stressing the need of a Model Trail Community in East Texas to help care for the maintenance of the Lobanillo Swales site. The Executive Director has received an erosion maintenance quote from S&S Trails of \$6,000.00. Board President Tom Byrd suggested we further monitor the erosion problem before we decide on spending funds on mediation. Brad Peterson suggested we plan for a budget item for maintenance in our budget. A discussion followed including a matching fund approach (Resource Protection and Finance). Tom¹ moved and Sarah² that we ask Resource Protection (formerly Lobanillo) and Finance Committees to look into a budget amendment for a line item for maintenance. Motion passed unanimously. (Action Item) Tom¹ and Lynn² moved to grant Chris Talbot permission to remove the leaf litter on the hiking trail and continue to monitor the condition of the trail. Motion passed unanimously. (Action Item)

Staff Report (written report available in Board Book)

- a) Chris Talbot suggested that SFA could possibly print the panels at a savings of funds.
- b) To date grant funds received include: Frost Bank, \$1,500; Humanities Texas \$3,000; and Partnership with the National Trails System (PNTS) \$10,000. As funds have been received from PNTS we will ask Humanities Texas (HT) to revise the projected budget. Currently the entire (HT) funds are allocated for exhibit content R&D. The revision would request funds to be directed toward the fabrication of content panels for the traveling exhibit.

New Business

April Board Meeting, Tom¹ and Cindy² moved to move the April Board Meeting from the 20th to the 27th of April. Motion passed Unanimously. (Action Item)

Committee Chairs were assigned and committee assignment information will be emailed. This would include Sergio and Melinda Iruegas as consultants.

Regional Reports

- a) Brazos – John Pruettt written report available in Board Book.
- b) South Texas – provided by Steven, the Rio Grande Overlook at the Rest Stop is owned by TxDOT, Aaron Mahr (NPS) will help develop site and interpretation panels. Signing continues in Dimmit County. Historic Resources report for Los Corralitos is complete and potential archaeology might take place.
- c) San Antonio/Goliad – Dave Regan written report available in Board Book.
- d) East Texas Caddo – Chris Talbot reported that there have been approximately 200 visitors at Lobanillo during August to December 2018. A Caddo art show will be at the Cole Art Center at 329 E. Main, Nacogdoches, Texas, January 24 through March 24.

National Park Service – No report due to government shut down.

Texas Historical Commission – Brad Peterson. The 30-minute video of the grass hut at Caddo Mounds Historic Site has been viewed nationally on several PBS stations. April Garner, who worked with our association retired December 31. Brad is working with Heritage Program staff to bring someone in to liaison with the association.

Other

- a) Discussion concerning the production of brochures and apps where advertisers can pay to be on the map. This was tabled and the need for a workshop was suggested.
- b) The Governance Committee was asked to look at our membership cycle, specifically the merits of a rolling membership.

Dave¹ and John² moved to adjourn at 1:59 pm. Motion passed unanimously. (Action Item)

Minutes Respectfully Submitted, John Pruettt, ELCAT Secretary