

EiCaT Board Meeting Notes
Floresville, TX
April 22, 2022

In attendance: board members Tom Byrd, Chip Briscoe, John Kisalus, Judge Bob Perkins, Dave Regan, Cindy Freeman, Jesse Treviño; Staff: Executive Director Steven Gonzales and Elaine Sullivan; Agency partners from NPS Aaron Mahr, Carole Wendler, CoryDonnelly, and Faith Welty. Brad Patterson represented THC. Joyce and Mike Conner representing the Rancheria Grande chapter were present, as was Anthony Delgado of the Trail de Flores Chapter. Board members Rebecca Blankenbaker and Adam Adams were absent.

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by president Cindy Freeman.

Minutes from the January 15 board meeting were considered. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Kisalus and seconded by Judge Bob Perkins. Motion passed.

Governance Committee report: Slate of officers earlier approved by the Governance Committee to serve starting at the October 2022 board meeting and ending at the April 2023 meeting was presented by Cindy Freeman on behalf of chair Lynn Young, who recently resigned from the board. The slate includes: Dave Regan, President; John Kisalus, Vice-President; Chip Briscoe, Treasurer; and Cindy Freeman, Immediate Past-President (non-voting since she will term off the board.) No nomination was made for Secretary. The board accepted these nominations.

Treasurer Dave Regan presented the financials, which show that we continue to run a small profit, with expenses below budget and income above. A motion to approve was made by Judge Perkins and seconded by Jesse Treviño. Motion passed.

Steven Gonzales presented the Executive Director's report. Topics covered: EiCaT community chapter outreach, including a recent meeting in San Antonio; NPS site visits earlier in the week; Lobanillo trail improvement work; new Association brochure; signing update; new EiCaT Storymap; private Camino sites database, being enhanced by one of our interns; and National Trails Day events.

We took a brief lunch break from about 11:15 to 11:45.

Cindy presented a draft Endowment document between EiCaT and her, funded at \$25,000, which envisions TMF in Austin managing a diversified investment portfolio that will distribute 5% of its market value each year in support of the Association's missions and values. The board was broadly supportive. Cindy will follow up with TMF on a couple of administrative questions raised.

Jesse presented the Development Committee update. Particular attention was paid to opportunities with the Mitchell Foundation, and connections the board has via Chip and new board member Joyce Conner.

Community chapter reports were provided by Dave (Trail de Flores) and Joyce (Rancheria Grande.) The NPS team presented an update on their activities, including a major interpretive effort for the trail beginning this Fall. They will be incorporating educational videos about 2 minutes in length. Approximately 35 EICaT sites will be included.

Brad presented the THC update.

Next meeting: July 16, 2022

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by Cindy Freeman in place of Lynn Young