

# 1093 RAILS TO TRAILS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION

## Board of Directors Regular Meeting MINUTES

Monday, June 3, 2024 at 4:00 PM

6810 Guyler Street, Wallis, Texas 77485

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Meeting ID: 830 9268 7218/Passcode: 006508

1. Call to order. Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Belinda Halfin.
2. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum. **Roll call established a quorum with the following Board Members present: Belinda Halfin, COW; James King, COW; Bobbe Nolan, COEL; Gayelynn Thomas, COEL; Bill Ragle, COWL; Phil Thomas (for Linda Harnist) COWL. Others present: Cheryl Mergo and Andrea Tantillo, HGAC; Kristi Smith; Justin Pruitt, Olson and Olson; Cody Hedgpeth, interested resident; Joshua Tuck, National Park Service; James A. Hernandez, FBCTRA Legal; Isaac Nevarez and Daniel Rodriguez, Monmouth.**
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Communication from the public is limited to the first eight registrants, limited to three minutes in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1093 RTT LGC Board may not discuss or act on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. **Monmouth representatives explained the role they could play in the reclamation and salvage of remaining track materials.**
4. CONSENT AGENDA: This portion of the agenda consists of items considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless separate discussion is requested by a Board Member.
  - 4.1 Approve Minutes: March 4, 2024 [April 1 & May 6, 2024 Meetings – **No Quorum**]
  - 4.2 Financial Reports: March 2024 **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda items by Phil Thomas, seconded by Gayelynn Thomas.**
5. LEGAL & REPORTING ACTIVITIES:
  - a. FBCTRA LEASE: Discuss and act on McDonald Wessendorff Insurance payments, trail access – yes. **James King, seconded by Bill Ragle moved to pay an additional \$400. James Hernandez agreed that access to the Trail was approved with the insurance in place.**
  - b. Information only on LGC Fiscal Year Tax Reporting:  
03/26/24 Registered as Tax Exempt 501(c)(7) & 05/18/24 990-N EZ Form – 2023 Filed.  
**Still need to follow up on 501(c3) and tax exempt status of contributions**
6. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES:
  - a. Discuss NPS status of activities; 03/14 Forum, Final Master Plan & 2024 re-engagement. **Joshua Tuck (NPS) explained that 1093 RTT has been accepted for 1-year continued assistance, a letter will be sent. There are some contingency issues based on the establishment of a Steering Committee and outside volunteer groups.**
  - b. Discuss and act on H-GAC information relating to the LGC.  
[04/25 H-GAC: Trails Exchange, grant and resources links and information] **see below**
  - c. Discuss and act on 2024 goals: Clearing rails / Insurance / Reserves items **see below**
  - d. Discuss and act on LGC Execution Strategy:  
[Budget & Reserves / Scopes-Scheme Map / Fund Raising / engage City of Simonton, Fort Bend Green, TxDOT & others] **Discussion concluded that the Steering Committee is the Board, and that committees need to be established and voted on by the Board. The committees discussed included: Rose Hedge and trail needs assessment (James King,**

**Belinda Halfin); TxDoT communication (Belinda Halfin, Bill Ragle); Funding (Christi Smith)**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Discuss and act LGC's Committee guidelines and coordinators / Team Leaders
- b) Discuss potential timelines, near term and long term**
- c) Approve Committees for Budget and Insurance, Funding and Grant Research, Trail Assessment (e.g. Rose Hedge, base materials) TXDoT communication, Outreach and Engagement (e.g. Simonton, Fulshear, Austin County), Trail "opportunities" (e.g. Bowser Mound)**

ADJOURN: **Meeting adjourned at 5:50p.m.**