

# 1093 RAILS TO TRAILS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORPORATION

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 7, 2023 at 4:00 PM

6810 Guyler Street, Wallis, Texas 77485

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1. Call to order. Meeting was called to order by Chair Belinda Halfin at 3:58 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum. A quorum was established. Board Members present: Belinda Halfin, Linda Harnist, James King, Bill Ragle and Gayelynn Thomas. Also present were: Cheryl Mergo and Andrea Tantillo, HGAC; (Virtual) Justin Pruitt, Olson and Olson); Joshua Tuck, NPS; Archeologist Ken Gergley, Jeremy Barcomb. Members of the Public present; Richard and Jenny Ella Tang.
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 action any item that has not been posted on the agenda. **There were no public comments.**
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: July 10, 2023
  - 4.2 Financial Report: July 2023

**Motion to approve by Linda Harnist, Seconded by Bill Ragle; Motion passed unanimously.**

5. LEGAL ACTIVITIES:
  - a. FBCTRA LEASE: Discuss and act on fully executed documents with effective date per our April 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Status of Signed copies with Exhibits and Insurance.
  - b. Discuss and act on forms required for Volunteers to participate on LGC's behalf.

**Executed Lease and Access Agreements received from FBCTRA. Justin Pruitt and Belinda Halfin summarized portions of the agreements for the Board. Liability Insurance will be required before moving forward; volunteer forms were discussed and changes noted. No Action Taken.**

6. BUSINESS ACTIVITIES:
  - a. Discuss National Parks Service status of Community engagement and trail planning.
  - b. Information by Archeologist Ken Gergely; include archaeological survey to trail plans.
  - c. Discuss communications on Toll Road expansion and FM1093 planning.
  - d. Discuss and act on process of organizing and planning of volunteers and resources.  
[Start clearing, eradication, rail salvage, trails research, etc. and how to track progress.]nt
    - a. **.Due to an emergency, Joshua Tuck was unable to attend and will present at next month's meeting.**
    - b. **Mr. Ken Gergley presented an overview of possible requirements, avoiding pit falls; benefits of Archeological Surveys, etc.**

**c. Chair Belinda Halfin reported on email communications with the County and TxDot representatives.**

**d. There was a discussion regarding master groups to organize volunteers and tasks. Suggested was Adm/Finance; Operations, Logistic and Planning.**

**No Action Taken.**

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – HGAC Org Chart for Volunteers and Report from Joshual Tuck, NPS.**

**8. ADJOURN – Motion to adjourn by Linda Harnist, seconded by Bill Ragle; motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 4:58 pm.**

**Respectfully Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Secretary**

**Chair: \_\_\_\_\_**