



Board Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2010 Called to order at 7:25p

Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nathan Melson, Pres. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Lipsett, Past Pres. | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris Voss, Pres Elect |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paula Brennecke, Secy. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Howell, Treas. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faye Wedell, member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Brennecke, member | <input type="checkbox"/> Cathy Cox, member | <input type="checkbox"/> Lisbeth Echeandia, member |

Secretary's Report _____

Approved as distributed via e-mail

Treasurer's Report _____

\$518.68 – with two checks outstanding (\$118.00 payable to Lisbeth Echeandia; \$40 payable to TCA for membership) = \$360.68 balance. [Paula e-mailed TCA on 8/23/10 to ask about the check.]

Reports _____

Chris Voss – Chris wasn't able to attend tonight's meeting because his father was put in the hospital in San Antonio earlier this week. He and Kathryn will be there at least through the weekend. Our best wishes are with their family.

Hope Community Garden(s) – Micki is the only person still on the Garden team; all others have become inactive for one reason or another. Because the youth at the Bois d'Arc Cowboy Church are interested in helping with the garden, Micki will be talking with their parents to find more adults to work with her. Other youth groups might also be interested.

Nathan mentioned meeting someone from the Denton Bible Church Community Garden. At some point they might be a good e 'how to' resource. gardening@dentonbible.org Paula will e-mail our 'Hope Gardens' flyer to Micki.

Proposed Lower Bois d/Arc Reservoir – Faye reported that the Sept issue of "Texas Parks & Wildlife" is seriously focused on Texas water issues. [Paula will go online to order a couple of copies for us.]

The Allens Chapel group hasn't responded to Nathan about getting a copy of the contract between the Fannin County commissioners and the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). He will check with FC Clerk Tammy Rich to see if a contract was filed. If that doesn't produce results, he will write the Attorney General's office to ask for a copy – if one exists.

Old Business _____

Regular Board Election – Faye suggested we ask Chris to head a nominations committee. Don volunteered to work with him. Faye said she'll ask Scott if he will help, too. After the committee meets and gives her instruction, Paula will send out (via e-mail) a "Call for Nominations" to the membership – revealing only member name and their cities. This form needs to be ready by our September board meeting [Sept. 2nd ... unless the attorney from OK requests we postpone to Fri. Sept. 10th (room not avail on 9th) so we can meet with him. See Tar Sands below under "New Business."]
Ballots need to be sent out by October. Voting will be at the general meeting on November 6th.

New Business

Tar Sands Pipeline – We discussed the e-mails (attached) sent to us by Harlan Hentges, an environmental attorney in Edmond, OK, who would like to meet with us to discuss the pipeline proposed to cut through the west edge of Fannin County. He's working with Public Citizen to organize resistance. He'll be coming our direction in early September for fly ash hearings in Dallas. Paula will coordinate with him to see if his schedule will possibly coincide with our next board meeting.

Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal Campaign" – We discussed the e-mail (attached) sent to us by Whitney Pearson, Associate Field Organizer for the campaign in Oklahoma. Her e-mail was somewhat vague, so Paula was instructed to reply to her e-mail, asking her to be more specific.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10p

Respectfully submitted:



Paula D. Brennecke, Secretary

Tar Sands — communication with Oklahoma attorney:

From: Harlan Hentges [mailto:harlan@organiclawyers.com]
Sent: Friday, 02 July, 2010 4:24 p.m.
To: info@texomacore.org; webmaster@texomacore.org
Cc: rosemary@afmsystemsllc.com
Subject: Tar Sands Pipeline

Nathan Melson
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903-583-4951

Nathan,

It would appear that CORE, CEM and ARLO have common interests. We are organizing landowners in Oklahoma who oppose the Tar Sands Crude Pipeline. We are working with Smitty and Ryan Rittenhouse of Public Citizen to organize folks in Texas as well. The pipeline will run on the west border of Fannin County. We would be please to work with you on this project.

I will be out of pocket next week so I have copied RoseMary Crawford with this e-mail. I hope that the two of you will be able to connect.

Harlan

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From: Harlan Hentges [mailto:harlan@organiclawyers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 13 July, 2010 11:52 a.m.
To: 'Paula Brennecke'
Cc: 'Stephanie Trask'; rosemary@afmsystemsllc.com
Subject: RE: Tar Sands Pipeline

Paula,

Attached is a flier for meetings we are having in Oklahoma along the course of the pipeline. Maybe Core would like to host some meetings in North Texas?

Harlan Hentges

From: Paula Brennecke [mailto:paulabren@cableone.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2010 4:13 PM
To: 'Harlan Hentges'
Subject: RE: Tar Sands Pipeline

Harlan,

To clarify: You're asking if CORE might consider hosting a meeting(s) at which your organizations would provide the content/facts?

Paula

From: Harlan Hentges [mailto:harlan@organiclawyers.com]
Sent: Monday, 16 August, 2010 12:35 p.m.
To: 'Paula Brennecke'
Subject: RE: Tar Sands Pipeline

FYI

RoseMary and I will be in Dallas Sept 7-9 for EPA hearings on fly ash rules. We are hoping to plan some meetings in Texas while we are there. You all are on the way to and from and we would welcome the opportunity to meet.

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Harlan Hentges

Fri 08/20/10 1:25 p.m.

CORE had its board meeting last night. We're definitely open to meeting with you when you come down next month. I suspect you won't be coming this way as early as our regularly scheduled board meeting on the 2nd so, if it would work for you, we could reschedule our meeting for the 10th. (Our meeting room isn't available on the 9th.) If pushed, we might be able to come up with an alternate meeting place. The bank bldg. works best for us because we're coming from several directions.

We've also been contacted by the Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal Campaign" out of OKC. Are you familiar with that?

Paula

[As of 8/23/2010, we have not heard back from Harlan about his schedule.]

Sierra Club's "Beyond Coal Campaign" — communication with their field organizer

From: whitney.pearson@apps.sierraclub.org [mailto:whitney.pearson@apps.sierraclub.org] **On Behalf Of** Pearson, Whitney
Sent: Wednesday, 04 August, 2010 3:14 p.m.
To: info@texomacore.org
Subject: Oklahoma Texas Coal Issues

Hi Nathan, I wanted to introduce myself to you. I am the new Associate Field Organizer for the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign based in Oklahoma City. I saw that you all have done some work fighting coal in the past and wanted to see if we could set up a time to talk about current coal issues (like Interstate Transport-emissions from Texas impacting Oklahoma air quality and coal combustion waste regulations). I saw that you all are currently more focused on local food and sustainability, but would love to have you all as an ally considering you are knowledgeable on the issues and have been so successful!

I look forward to hearing from you,

Whitney Pearson
Associate Field Organizer
Sierra Club, Beyond Coal Oklahoma City, OK
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(c) 405.826.0241

Fri 08/20/10 2:36 p.m

Hi Whitney,

As secretary of CORE, I'm responding to your e-mail from two weeks ago.

I guess 'congratulations' are in order for your new position there as the Beyond Coal Campaign organizer for OK. Not as easy assignment!

I see on the Sierra Club website that you're bringing a contingent down to Dallas next month for the coal ash hearing. Great! I believe the fact that the ODEQ spoke up in our fight against the coal-fired plant here played a part in our winning that battle. As I work to promote a permaculture design course here in Fannin County, I'm noticing that, in many ways, OK is 'on the ball' in regard to environmental issues.

After we briefly discussed your e-mail, the CORE board suggested I ask you for some clarification:

In regard to "... a time to talk about current coal issues ... ," we imagine you're wanting to attend a CORE board meeting. Is Harlan Hentges working with you all? He has also asked to talk with us and may stop by sometime during his trip for the hearing.

In regard to your comment "... to have you as an ally ... ," we're trying to imagine what that might 'look' like.

I'll watch for your reply.

Thanks to you and the Sierra Club,

Paula Brennecke, secretary



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