



Board Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2010 Called to order at 7:05p

Board Members Present:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chris Voss, Pres. Elect | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Lipsett, Past Pres. | |
| <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 |

Guests: **Jeff & Rhonda Beitel, Bill Sebastian, and Alan Richard**

Secretary's Report _____

Approved as distributed via e-mail

Treasurer's Report _____

Balance of \$528.34; no deposits or checks outstanding.

Reports _____

Hope Community Garden(s) – No report; Micki has house guests.

Proposed Lower Bois d/Arc Reservoir – Lisbeth couldn't attend tonight's meeting, but reported via e-mail as follows: "I have copies of relevant paperwork – agreements, etc. Not everything there is – which was about 10 pounds worth – but I sifted through the files and think I have what is pertinent." Faye suggested she coordinate with Chris about it before the next board meeting.

Old Business _____

Tar Sands Pipeline – The Beitel and Bill came tonight because of concern about the proposed Keystone Pipeline that would come very near to them. We gave them a summary of what we learned at last month's meeting. Chris showed us – on his laptop – a map of the proposed route. Paula will send them contact info for Harlan Hentges and RoseMary Crawford. We will focus on the pipeline issue at the next general meeting; Chris will announce that at the beginning of our November 6th Films & Forums meeting. Scott suggested that the NRDC would have good information about the pipeline. [It does! See: <http://www.nrdc.org/land/files/TarSandsPipeline4pgr.pdf>]

General Meeting / Films & Forums / Election – November 6th – As promised, Kathryn and Chris previewed "The Future of Food" and determined there is about 15 minutes that can be skipped over to shorten the viewing. We decided to use that saved time to show the "CSAs" segment that comes as 'extras' with the film, rather than the DVD about the pipeline. We will spend an entire meeting on the pipeline issue. As a side note, Faye and Scott recommended the film "The Real Dirt on Farmer John" for individuals to watch.

November Election – Nominations – We received only two responses to the call for nominations: Faye and Scott sent a slate they agreed on, and Paul Cardwell stated he's willing to be nominated, but expected that no one would do so. Paula had replied to him that he is, in effect, nominating himself, which is perfectly OK. He didn't respond, so she will contact him again to find out which place he'd like to run for. She will also send out the slate for members to vote – explaining that they can vote either online or at the November 6th meeting.

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New Business

Two Community Gardens? – Chris presented a case for simultaneously doing two community gardens. Sharing from his experience with an inner-city garden, he pointed out the huge benefit of having a community garden in town that folks can walk to. We appointed an ad hoc committee of Chris, Scott and Alan to take a look at the lots Habitat offered a few months ago – after reconfirming the offer. Chris suggested that the Austin College students who contacted us about doing service work might be willing to help get the soil prepared. We also agreed we should not leave Micki to carry the load for the site at her place by herself. The possibility for getting a grant is still under consideration.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30p

Respectfully submitted:



Paula D. Brennecke, Secretary