



Board Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2010 Called to order at 7:00p

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: Kathryn Baecht and Micki Wright

Treasurer's Report: There were \$9.00 in deposits last month, bringing the ledger balance to \$528.34.

Secretary's Report: Approved as distributed via e-mail

Reports:

Board Election – By unanimous popular vote, both online and at the November 6th general meeting, the following were elected to serve on the CORE Board for 2011:

President:	Chris Voss	Board:	
President-Elect:	Alan Richard	2011-2012:	Scott Lipsett
Past President:	Nathan Melson	2011-2012:	Faye Wedell
Secretary:	Kathryn Baecht	2011-2013:	Cathy Cox
Treasurer:	Don Brennecke	2011-2013:	Micki Wright

HOPE Community Garden - Micki reported that she and her husband have decided to put an orchard onto the site that was previously planned to be the Hope Community Garden. Micki reported that there has been a lack of support and involvement with the plans for the garden, and she believes that the orchard is a project that she and her husband can manage.

Proposed Bonham Community Garden - Chris reported that he and Alan met with Bonham City Manger Corby Alexander and discussed possible city involvement in a community garden in s.5Bonham. They first discussed a potential site on a lot offered by Habitat for Humanity. Chris reported that Mr. Alexander gave his support of the idea, although due to liability issues, the city would not be able to do any work on a site not owned by the city other than turning on the water. Mr. Alexander proposed the possibility of converting a portion of Catron Park into a garden. The city has been looking for a way to revitalize the park, but does not currently have the funds to update and/or maintain the playground equipment. The potential of a citizen run garden partnered with the city has potential benefits for saving the city money in overall upkeep of the park as well as meaning that the city could use it's equipment on the site without liability issues. Paula reported that she spoke to Doris McCullough about the garden and that she offered to help get the word out about it. Faye emailed the new minister of the First Presbyterian church about getting involved, and Micki suggested that the Bois D'arc Cowboy Church's youth group might get involved. There are also some students from Austin College who need to do some volunteer work

for their environmental studies classes who could be tapped for help. Scott spoke to Randy Moore, who suggested the Power Creek Park as a possible site. However, there is no water there. It was decided that members should continue reaching out to people who might be interested with the goal of having an organizational meeting Tuesday, February 8th at 7:30. Micki volunteered to search for a good movie. Paula agreed to set up an email address for the garden, and Micki volunteered to help reply to email requests for information. Mr. Alexander has asked that we go back to him once we have done some organizing and have more information. Chris will give him a brief update letting him know that the project is moving forward.

Keystone XL Pipeline – Kathryn showed the maps that are online that show where the proposed pipeline will go through Fannin County. Kathryn will visit the appraisal office and find out whose land the pipeline would potentially cross so CORE can contact them.

Proposed Lower Bois d/Arc Reservoir – Scott continued his effort to get in touch with Wayne Ryser, who is the former president of the Allen’s Chapel group that has been opposing the reservoir, but has had no luck getting a response. Scott volunteered to talk to Tammy Rich and see if she can help us get access to any information that may help.

New Business:

Films and Forums - The upcoming January Films and Forums and General Meeting were discussed. The idea was put forth to show a movie related to community gardens to build support for the proposed project in Bonham. Micki volunteered to search for a movie that might be appropriate. The meeting is slated for January 22nd at 7:00 PM. Faye will try to reserve this date for the Elizabeth May Room.

Chris brought up the idea of fundraising, but it was agreed to put this on hold for the time being. Paula stated that if funds are needed for a specific project, her son has offered to donate, and his employer, Microsoft, will match the donation.

Chris and Kathryn invited everyone to a holiday party on December 17th.

Kathryn will send a get well card to Tom Wageman on behalf of CORE.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30p

Respectfully submitted: 

Paula D. Brennecke, Secretary