

Board Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2011, Called to order at 7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

- X Chris Voss, President
- X Kathryn Baecht, Secretary
- X Don Brennecke, Treasurer
- X Alan Richard, President Elect
- Cathy Cox, Board Member (2 year)
- Micki Wright, Board Member (2 year)
- X Scott Lipsett, Past President, Board Member (1 year)
- Nathan Melson, Past President
- X Paula Brennecke, Guest
- X Faye Wedell, Board Member (1 year)

The Meeting was held at the Children's Center in Bonham.

Treasurer's Report: Don reported that there has been no change in the balance since last month.

Chris reported that he went to the bank and signed the paperwork to have his name on the account.

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

Earth Day:

CORE will have a booth at the Sherman Earth Day. Chris has donated graphic design work to the event in return for the booth.

Scott and Faye will set up and take the first shift at the booth. Don and Paula will take a later shift, and Chris and Kathryn will take the last shift and break down. Scott will call Judy Russell and ask if she and Kenneth might take a shift as well.

At the booth, we will promote the Texoma Grown Directory (have a handout) and the April Films and Forums. We will also raffle off a basket of donated "goodies." Raffle ticket prices will be \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets. Thanks to everyone who solicited all of the lovely donations for the basket. Kathryn will arrange the basket and get it to Scott and Faye prior to Earth Day. Kathryn will also do a poster for the booth saying what is in the basket. We will have the drawing at 4pm. Paula will look for raffle tickets from last year.

Proposed Bonham Community Garden:

The Bonham City Council Meeting is Monday, April 11th. We should already be on the agenda, but Chris will double check with Corby. All who can attend in support of this should. Chris will speak and hopefully Robert, Barbara or one of her daughters might speak as well. Chris will send a

reminder to the garden email list about the meeting as well as to Randy Moore and Roger Skipper. Kathryn will bring a copy of the proposed rules taken from the American Community Garden Association and a handout of the benefits of community gardening.

Bois d’Arc Reservoir Scoping Report:

The Lower Bois d’Arc Reservoir EIS Scoping Report has been released. It was prepared by Mangi Environmental Group for the Corps of Engineers. It lists all of the issues and topics raised in the scoping process (public meetings, written comments from the public, etc.) and also lists them by frequency.

The top 10 issues raised (with a tie for 3rd place) were:

- 1 Impacts on native wildlife species and habitat 33
- 2 Adverse impact to agricultural economy & livelihoods in county 29
- 3 Reduced tax revenues to county and heavier tax burden for remaining residents 23
- 3 Water is being wasted and needs to be conserved 23
- 5 Displacement of multi-generational residents, farmers and ranchers; loss of farming/ranching/rural heritage 20
- 6 Concerned that reservoir may cause flooding in Bonham, along tributaries, and upstream areas 19
- 7 Reputed recreational & related economic benefits are questionable because of fluctuating lake level and shoreline, mudflats, etc. - look at other reservoirs in area where claimed benefits have not been realized 17
- 7 Poor water quality in reservoir from upstream pollutants 17
- 9 Fluctuating lakeshore and resultant unattractive mudflats 12
- 10 Impacts to Indian artifacts or burial sites 11

The number at the end of each issue represents the number of commenters who cited this issue.

Films and Forums:

Faye reserved the Elizabeth May Room for April 30th for Films and Forums. She also suggested the film “Locavores.” Kathryn agreed to do a press release and poster for the event. Kathryn suggested trying to reach out to local food producers and markets for this event. Faye agreed to approach Matt at the Green Market about coming, and Chris will talk to Cat Adair of the Denison Farmers Market as well as email the producers on our Directory. Other groups to reach out to would be the Sherman Farmer’s Market and the managers of Twin Oaks Nursery, who also run a Farmer’s Market.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Kathryn Baecht, Secretary