



Save Our Bosque Task Force

Working collaboratively to support a healthy Rio Grande Bosque and riparian ecosystem while celebrating its benefits to the communities of central NM

Save Our Bosque Task Force Monthly Board Meeting
Socorro County Annex Office
198 Neel Ave, Socorro NM

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 3:00pm

Meeting Location: Socorro County Annex and via Zoom

In attendance:

Board: Jeff Havlena, Matt Mitchell, Rex Myers, Christie Smith (Zoom), Jerry Wheeler

Staff: Danielle Hensley

Members: Amy Erickson

Jerry Wheeler called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm

Approve agenda and minutes from last month's annual meeting

Agenda approved by consent. Minutes of the January 4, 2022, meeting were approved, with Matt motioning and Jeff seconding.

Public open forum

There was no input from the public.

Fiscal Report

Matt gave the treasurer's report. The beginning balance for last month was \$46,372.64. As of this meeting our balance is \$42,242.67. There were minimal transactions for the month. The \$2500 Nusunda Credit Union grant has been processed and received.

Membership/Fundraising

Rex reported that renewal notices have been sent to 22 members who joined in January 2021. To date, 5 have renewed for 2022.

Program Director Update

Danielle reported that she is working on prep for hiring summer interns. The Winter SOBTF newsletter will be out shortly.

Election of Board Officers

Rex motioned and Matt seconded approval for the 2022 Officers and At-Large SOBTF Board members.

President – Jerry Wheeler

Vice-President – Jeff Havlena

Secretary – Rex Myers

Treasurer – Gina Dello Russo

At-Large: Christie Smith, Ron Thomas

Board members welcomed Christie Smith as a new Board member.

Board Member Working Groups

SOBTF Board agreed not to have formal committees and reconfirmed assignments for a “working board.”

Jeff: Advocacy/Basin Study, Parks & Trails

Matt: Partners for Wildlife, Conservation Day

Rex: Advocacy/Basin Study, Parks & Trails, Conservation Day

Gina: Interns, Parks & Trails, Advocacy/Basin Study

Christie: Parks & Trails

Ron: Parks & Trails, Partners for Wildlife

Jerry: Wildfire Risk Reduction (WRR), Conservation Day

Project Updates

- a. Socorro County WRR Project with BLM: Pack South report is submitted (\$48,250). Pack North, 20 acres, is underway (\$50,000). New Grant applications are due in March.
- b. Partners for Fish and Wildlife: Matt reported that Partners for Fish and Wildlife has two potential projects: Barclay and Hart. He will submit proposals when he receives data on project requirements.
- c. Parks and Trails: Matt reported that San Antonio schools are willing to participate in a cleanup of San Antonio bosque park on February 25. Raks Building Supply has provided trash bags in the past. Matt will check with San Antonio about details for food/cooking for lunch. Board members will assist with cleanup.
- d. Central Socorro Bosque Severance Project: Danielle will reschedule a meeting with Yasmeen (MRGCD) about Central Socorro Bosque Severance Project regarding park improvements and \$30,000 in Capital Outlay funds.
- e. Danielle and Gina will follow up on the Lower Middle Rio Grande Summit regarding the Water Smart Grant and new grant opportunities.
- f. Website, Facebook, Instagram: Danielle continues to work on these outreach sites. Members were encouraged to submit materials. The semi-annual members’ newsletter is almost ready and will be distributed this month.

Other

- a. Danielle reported that Cottonwood Charter School is interested in working with SOBTF as part of their conservation curriculum. Conversations are ongoing.
- b. Board members expressed an interest in tours of SOBTF projects. Danielle and Gina will facilitate.

Christie motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Jeff seconded, passing unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 pm.

***** Our next board meeting will be on Tuesday, March 1 at 3:00pm *****

Respectfully Submitted,

Rex Myers, Secretary

Danielle Hensley, Program Director