



## **BOARD BINDER AUGUST 2023**

### **MINUTES — July 29<sup>th</sup> Grand Prairie Friends Board Meeting**

**Saturday, July 29, 2023**

**Warbler Crossing, Charleston, IL**

**Submitted by:** Valerie Sivicek

**Attendees:** Dave Easter, Tom White, Valerie Sivicek, Fred Delcomyn, Pam Leiter, North Joffe-Nelson, Craig Milling **Absent:** Mark Shelden, Ed Wilhite, Collin Carlier

**Staff:** Sarah Livesay (Executive Director), Jeff Peyton (Natural Areas Manager)

**Guests:** Beverly Foote

**Quorum?** Yes

**Call to Order:** 3:26 pm

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The reports of the President; Staff; GPF Properties Research Coordinator; Accreditation Committee; Bylaws Committee; Greenhouse Committee; Conservation Cemetery Committee; Professional Development Committee; Nomination Committee; Volunteer Committee; Stewardship Committee; Land Acquisition Committee; Blazing Star Society Committee; Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Committee; and Finance Committee, as well as the minutes of the last board meeting (06/26/23), were submitted separately as a consent agenda item. Fred moved to accept the reports as submitted. Tom seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Beverly commented on the prairie cicada research project that had been denied a permit on GPF property Prospect Cemetery Prairie and later carried out elsewhere.

### **BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. The Conservation Cemetery Committee requests direction from the Board. Dave suggested Board members review the committee's report and contribute opinions at next Board meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Fred moved to approve the June 2023 Financial Statements as presented. Pam seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**
2. Pam moved to accept Illinois Department of Natural Resources/Illinois Recreational Access Program "Fallen Outdoors" contract for archery hunting at Warbler Ridge in the amount of \$2,693.95 during period 11/1/2023-11/15/2023. Tom seconded. **MOTION APPROVED.**
3. Tom moved to accept reimbursement grant from Trees Forever for contractual tree

restoration services at Ambraw Woods in the amount of \$2,000. This grant does not include matching funds. Craig seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

4. Pam moved for GPF to apply for 2024 National Land Trust Accreditation with the Land Trust Alliance Accreditation Commission during August 1 – September 15, 2023 lottery application period. Fred seconded. MOTION APPROVED. Tom moved to allocate up to \$5,000 to continue consulting services from Sarah Naperala through the accreditation application process. Valerie seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Board Retreat

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS/MEETINGS**

(Dates with no description are Board meetings.)

August 28

September 17 – BSS Garden Party, 4 pm @Easters' home in Homer

September 23 – 3 pm Fall Fete @Warbler Ridge

September 25

October 7 – 3 pm Fall Membership meeting @Champaign Library

October 23

November 5 Rattlesnake Master Run for the Prairie @Meadowbrook Park

November 27

December 18

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.

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