



MINUTES — October 23, 2023
Grand Prairie Friends Board Meeting
Monday, October 23, 2023
United Way Office, 5 Dunlap Ct., Savoy, IL
Submitted by: Valerie Sivicek

Attendees: Dave Easter, Tom White (remote via Zoom), Valerie Sivicek, Fred Delcomyn, Pam Leiter, Craig Milling, Mark Shelden, Ed Wilhite, Collin Carlier; absent: North Joffe-Nelson
Staff: Sarah Livesay (Executive Director), Jeff Peyton (Natural Areas Manager)
Guests: Jeff Livesay, Beverly Foote, Karen Andsager
Quorum? Yes Call to Order: 5:31 pm

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED

Donations for period Jan 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023
September 2023 donations
Warbler Ridge Conservation Area map of easements and projects

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Endowment from Accounting Perspective: Jeff Livesay, CPA, CGMA, Martin Hood, Managing Partner

CONSENT AGENDA

Monthly staff/committee reports, minutes of the membership meeting (10/07/23), and minutes of the last board meeting (09/25/23) were submitted separately as a consent agenda item. Pam moved to accept the reports as submitted. Ed seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Beverly Foote discussed sharing the “gift of seed” with friends.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

None

DISCUSSION

2024 Board Member officer appointments are as follows:

President: Pam Leiter; nominated by Craig, seconded by Ed. MOTION APPROVED.
Vice President: Craig Milling; nominated by Pam, seconded by Mark. MOTION APPROVED.
Treasurer: Ed Wilhite; nominated by Fred, seconded by Collin. MOTION APPROVED.
Secretary: Valerie Sivicek; nominated by Collin, seconded by Mark. MOTION APPROVED.

OLD BUSINESS

Collin moved to table the motion to approve revised Investment and Management of Financial Assets Policy. Ed seconded. MOTION APPROVED.
Mark moved to table the motion to approve Grand Prairie Friends General Endowment Fund. Collin seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed moved to approve revised Grant Management Policy with a minor edit. Craig seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

Fred moved to approve audit and tax service proposal from Gilbert, Metzger & Madigan, LLP, of Charleston, IL, for a three-year contract (FY 2024, 2025, 2026) not to exceed \$30,000. Pam seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

Fred moved to approve September 2023 Financial Statements. Colin seconded. MOTION APPROVED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS/MEETINGS

(Dates with no description are Board meetings.)

November 5 Rattlesnake Master Run for the Prairie @Meadowbrook Park

November 27

December 18

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.