

Minutes of April 10, 2014 – Board Meeting

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First National Bank, 489 Hwy. 71, Bastrop, Texas

Members: **John Clark**, Vice President **Robert Leffingwell**, Board Member
John Gardner, President **Sue Lane McCulley**, Secretary
Bill Haschke, Treasurer **Robert Potts**, Board Member
Wayne Hulshof, Board Member and ACC Chairman

Note: Boldface of board members' names indicates attendance.

Others present: Judge Paul Pape; Tom McCulley and Billy Gravitt (ACC Members); twenty-six other property owners

Item 1 of the Agenda: The meeting was called to order by Gardner at 7:02 PM.

Item2 of the Agenda: Clark moved and Haschke seconded to approve the March 13, 2014 minutes as presented.

Item 3 of the Agenda: Clark moved and Leffingwell seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Item 4 of the Agenda: Hulshoff reported the following: (1) Two permits for new mobile homes, two permits for sheds, and one permit for a driveway have been approved. (2) The ACC has sent a letter to the owner who promised to add 500 square feet. (3) Gravitt has spoken to the owner who has a motor home parked in the front driveway. (4) Gravitt and Gardner will have coffee with the owner who has cancer about next of kin, heirs, and disposition of the manufactured home.

Item 5 (i) of the Agenda: Judge Pape explained that Clara Beckett, Precinct 2 County Commissioner, was unable to attend the April meeting, but she does plan to attend the May meeting to discuss roads and signs.

Item 5 (ii) of the Agenda: Judge Pape announced that the Fish and Wildlife has approved a plan for private contractors to harvest dead trees. Go Green specifically has been approved as a contractor and will have a certified toad monitor at harvesting sites as required. The burned trees will be made into fuel pellets which will eventually be used in Liverpool, England. There is no cost to property owners for the harvesting, but property owners MUST sign up at the Go Green web site AND the county web site which will go live in the very near future. Pine Forest is the scheduled as the second subdivision to be harvested, but the harvesting will not begin for a few months. A question and answer period followed the judge's presentation.

Q: What will happen to the trees that been planted or have come up since the fire?

A: The homeowners will have to talk with Go Green and take appropriate action.

Q: Will unimproved lots be harvested?

A: All property owners' lots will be harvested, but the owners must sign up.

Q: How low will Go Green cut the trees?

A: As low as practicable. Fish and Wildlife will not allow removal of stumps.

Q: Will the downed trees be harvested?

A: If the trees have enough integrity to be moved mechanically, Go Green will take them.

Q: When?

A: It is impossible to predict at this time. Go Green has said that it will take 4 to 5 years to harvest the entire county.

Q: What about lots that have already been cleared?

A: It is important to let the county know so that more efficient planning can be done.

Q: What is the deadline to sign up?

A: The deadline varies according to the order in which subdivisions will be harvested.

Q: Will there be any reforestation?

A: Tree Folks has agreed to plant four million seedlings (loblolly pines) after the harvesting is done.

Q: Are there any plans for erosion control?

A: Yes, call your county commissioner.

Item 5 (iii) of the Agenda: The recently revised bylaws have been filed and will be on the web site soon.

Item 5 (iv a) of the Agenda: The meeting with John Creamer has not taken place yet. Gardner will set up the meeting.

Item 5 (iv b) of the Agenda: Notice of quarterly Clean Sweeps will be sent to PFPOA members. In addition, the association will put up signs in four strategic locations in the subdivision. An audience member suggested that the association have a Facebook page.

Item 6 (i) of the Agenda: Suggestions for use of association funds included upgrading the water lines, installing fire hydrants, school bus stops, and a picnic/park area.

Item 7 of the Agenda: Clark moved and Potts seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Lane McCulley, Secretary

April 25, 2014