

FRONTIER *Texas!*

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2012

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Gollihar
Bill Neal
Bob Gee
Jennifer Lee-Shultz
Kelly Kinard

Kim Snyder
Kyle Frush
Mike Hernandez
Sue Ball

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chuck Statler
Jeff Gore

Margaret Hoogstra
Peter Lauve

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Audrey Perry
Col. Kristina O'Brien
David Vela
Jack Rentz
Jay Evans

Lynn Barnett
Mike Alexander
Nanci Liles
Nicki Harle
Ron Butler

STAFF PRESENT:

Jeff Salmon

Pamela Wells

GUESTS PRESENT:

Randy Burchell
Lt. Col. Michael Miller

H.C. Zachry

1. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS.** Having a quorum of the board, Board President Kim Snyder called the meeting to order in the Frontier Texas! Board Room, 625 North First Street, Abilene, Texas. Ms. Snyder introduced Randy Burchell, nominee to the Board of Directors, and Lt. Col. Michael Miller, representing Dyess Air Force Base.
2. **REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF POSITION.** Board Treasurer, Sue Ball presented the March Statement of Financial Position.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA.** There was a motion to accept the Consent Agenda items as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.
4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND POSSIBLE ACTION.**
 - a. **Exhibit Redevelopment Plans.** Board President, Kim Snyder reported the committee has raised a million dollars for the redevelopment project. The Dian Graves Foundation and the Dodge Jones Foundation are the primary grant donors. T&T Family Foundation gave Frontier Texas! a grant for the Parade Grounds development. Ms. Snyder introduced H.C. Zachry who explained some of the plans that have developed from meetings with the consultants. Additionally, Mr. Zachry reported Joe Barrington is making a large buffalo skull sculpture for the parade grounds and Jack Rentz is working with the committee on an iconic type of buffalo sculpture. Executive Director, Jeff Salmon mentioned that the goal is to open to the public on March 2nd. The exhibits will be closed for a period of time during February.
5. **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTION.**
 - a. **Finance Committee.** Board Treasurer, Sue Ball reported that even though all the necessary funds will be raised by the installation period, the timing between the receipt of the grants promised and the payment of the expenses incurred has been discussed by the committee. The committee recognizes it will be necessary

to take out a loan to cover this gap. First Financial Bank has already confirmed that they will give Frontier Texas! the necessary loan when the time comes. The committee will give the board more detailed information at a meeting in the fall. Ms. Snyder presented a motion that the Board of Directors allow the exhibit committee, specifically Ms. Snyder, Mr. Zachry, and Mr. Salmon, the independence to approve bills and their payment for the exhibit. The motion was seconded and carried.

- b. Nominations Committee.** Committee Chair, Bob Gee distributed the list of nominees for re-appointment and new appointment to the Frontier Texas! Board of Directors. These nominees are Jack Rentz, Audrey Perry, Peter Lauve, Jay Evans, Lynn Barnett, Nanci Liles, Nicki Harle, Randy Teakell, Randy Burchell, Stephen Harrell, and Chuck Statler. Mr. Gee also presented the nominees for Officer election: Kim Snyder as Board President, Mike Alexander as Vice-President of Finance, Kyle Frush as Vice-President of Operations, Sue Ball as Board Treasurer and Audrey Perry as Board Secretary. These nominees for board membership and officer election come as a motion from committee. The motion was approved. Mr. Salmon reported it has come to his attention that the By-laws sent to the City of Abilene for approval two years ago did not go through the approval process as previously believed. It is not currently known whether the By-laws committee will need to meet about this issue.
- c. Education Committee.** Committee Chair, Jennifer Lee Shultz distributed a handout detailing the Texas Independence Day event, an upcoming teacher workshop, and summer camps.
- 6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.** Mr. Salmon reported the Miss Frontier Texas! Scholarship contest received terrific press coverage and raised the awareness of Frontier Texas! among the college campuses. Haley Wilkerson from ACU was the winner. Mr. Salmon asked the board members to be sure to thank the event sponsors. Mr. Salmon called on Buffalo Chip Classic Committee Chair, Kyle Frush to give a report. Mr. Frush announced there will be a "Happy Hour" event for the sponsors and participants to get early commitments and feedback for this year's fundraiser. *All-Around Performance Horse* did air its segment covering last year's fundraiser on RFD-TV and this furnished Frontier Texas ! with nationwide exposure for the event and museum.
- 7. NEXT MEETING DATE.** The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 10 a.m.
- 8. ADJOURNMENT.** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Reviewed by Jeff Salmon