

MINUTES: Penatuhkah Comanche Trails Partnership Meeting

February 28, 2023

Attendance:

Linda Frank	DeLeon, Texas
Rose Taylor	DeLeon, Texas
Lana Parsons	DeLeon, Texas
Frank Hilton	Brownwood, Texas
Martha Cupp	Brownwood, Texas
Jerry Blankenship	San Saba, Texas
Ronnie Lappee	Brownwood, Texas
Donnie Lappe	Brownwood, Texas
Ward Lane	Santa Anna, Texas
Kandice Harris	Brownwood, Texas
Denise Hudson-Brian	Early, Texas
Lori Dodd	Texas Midwest Comm. Net
Kesleigh Boone	Comanche, Texas
Becca Jackson	Comanche, Texas
Jerry Leonard	DeLeon, Texas
Judy Leonard	DeLeon, Texas
Suzanne Polk	San Marcos, Texas ZOOM
Bill Modawell	Brownwood, Texas
Janice Modawell	Brownwood, Texas
Montie Guthrie	Santa Anna, Texas
Sandra Guthrie	Santa Anna, Texas

Acting Chair Montie Guthrie called the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to order at 11:05 am at the Visitor Center at Early, Texas. The group was welcomed to Early by Denise Hudson-Brian, Executive Director of Visit Early.

Acting Chair Guthrie asked the participants to introduce themselves and to update the group on any new developments in their area that advanced the mission of the Partnership.

- After introductions, the group moved to the old business. Guthrie reported on the Executive Committee meeting:
 1. Officers—President: Virginia Fleming, VP: Blankenship, Secy/Treas: Modawell, Parl: Harris
 2. Annual meeting by end of February
 3. Articles and By-laws adopted.
- Virginia reported that information about signage requirements is available from Texas Dept of Transportation. An officer of the DoT in Stephenville has helped the City of Comanche and is very obliging.

- Discussion was opened concerning the trail map for the brochure and the large signs in each city. The discussion ranged over into how to build the map using each city's sites/sites. Frank Hilton explained the process Brown County had used to develop its county map of sites. Jerry Leonard explained the process DeLeon used to locate sites around that city. Guthrie encouraged all partners to locate site/sites around their city.
- Becca reported that the digital presentation for city councils is complete and ready to use to bring councils up to speed.

Moving to the agenda item of new business,

- Discussion concerning website revealed that person making site got other job and left his business.
- Linda Pelon was not present to explain developments in Dallas concerning sites there.
- Alfred Evans was not present to update group on status of San Antonio Professional Tour Organization.
- Guthrie also brought up the earlier suggested "Grand Opening" of the trails in summer or in fall. Virginia made a presentation explaining Comanche's idea that the opening be held in Comanche at the "Dome" to open the trail in November. The event would invite media, elected officials, and general public to attend. After Virginia explained her proposal, the group discussed and then tabled the proposal. Guthrie invited any other city to make their own proposal.

Guthrie then asked the group to set the next meeting. The group opted to set the meetings on the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be at 11 am March 20 at Comanche at the Mercantile on the Square. The group discussed Pelon's training sessions in March as well as the need for training from Comanches concerning proper etiquette.

Meeting was adjourned to lunch provided by Visit Early at 12:25. A tour of the Early City Center project followed the meal.