# **Penatuhkah Comanche Trails Partnership**

**MINUTES**

**September 19, 2023**

**Mills County Historical Museum and Zoom**

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm CDT**

Attendance:

Linda Frank  DeLeon

Rose Taylor DeLeon

Judy Leonard DeLeon

Jerry Leonard DeLeon

Lana Parson DeLeon

Don Holdridge DeLeon

Virginia Fleming Comanche

Becca Jackson Comanche

Don Kissire Goldthwaite

Jan Hartwell Goldthwaite

Brenda Brooks Goldthwaite

Suzan Garner Goldthwaite

Lynn Bouse Goldthwaite

Susan Reynolds Goldthwaite

Jeff Johnson Goldthwaite

Eddie Gomez Brownwood

Martha Cupp Brownwood

Frank Hilton Brownwood

Kandice Harris Brownwood

Kyndall Howard Brownwood ZOOM

Lori Dodd TMCN ZOOM

Bob Reynolds Bangs

Jerry Blankenship San Saba

Denise Hudson-Brian Early

James Hays Early

Bill Modawell Brownwood

Janice Modawell Brownwood

Suzanne Shield-Polk San Marcos ZOOM

Tina Stanton Melvin

Montie Guthrie Santa Anna

Sandra Guthrie Santa Anna

Executive Director Montie Guthrie called the meeting to order at 11:03 am at the Mills County Historical Museum in Goldthwaite, Texas. The group was welcomed to Goldthwaite by Don Kissire, Chairman of the Mills County Historical Museum.

Guthrie asked if the participants were familiar enough with everyone else to forego wearing nametags and introducing themselves to the group. Everyone agreed. Members recognized new attendees: Tina Stanton from Melvin and Mills County Judge Jeff Johnson from Goldthwaite. Guthrie then asked partners to update the group on any new developments in their area that advanced the mission of the Partnership. Numerous partners reported on exciting happenings: Virginia talked about the developing friendships with Comanches as the Powwow approaches, Denise told about the progress of the new addition in Early, Jerry Leonard reported on the joint presentation in DeLeon as well as the creation of the driving loops around DeLeon, Eddie Gomez told of the stories his Penatuhkah grandmother told about this area, James Hays reported on the Asa-havey (Milky Way) camp near Ballinger, and Suzanne Shield-Polk explained about the recent findings of interest on the Shield Ranch near Santa Anna.

The meeting moved to old business.

* Guthrie asked Secretary-Treasurer Bill Modawell to read the minutes. Bill asked if there were changes to the minutes, and if none, a motion was in order to accept as submitted. Kandace Harris moved adopting minutes as submitted and Virginia Fleming seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
* Guthrie returned to the topic of membership dues. Lori Dodd proposed to the Partnership that in lieu of $150 membership fee, TMCN would give the Partnership a one-page advertisement in the TMCN Visitor’s Guide worth $1200. Lana Parson moved to accept the proposal and Jerry Leonard seconded. Motion passed.
* Becca Jackson reported on the recent activity on the Partnership webpage. She needs locations, info, pictures, and captions to go on the site.
* Kandice Harris reported on Partnership social media: Facebook page has sixty-four followers, some of whom are significant, and Instagram has new followers. She requested that partners send her items to be posted on media---any kind of event going on in your city. Interest is enhanced by pictures on Instagram---reaching more public. Suggestion was made to create an events calendar page on the website. Guthrie will get with Jackson to accomplish that.
* Presentations to Councils and Commissioners Courts can be scheduled.
* Guthrie reminded the members that we had never voted on the site of the Grand Opening. Discussion followed regarding readiness to open. Virginia moved and Jerry Leonard seconded to postpone the opening until fall 2024. Motion passed

New business,

* Jackson asked if partners had seen the advertising options as far as all such

advertising of the trails. Most did not recall the two choices. Jackson and Guthrie will get together AFTER Comanche County Powwow.

* Webpage map--- the sites need to be in 9-1-1 address or coordinate format in

order to create a Google map for use on the website. Must be submitted by November 13 meeting.

* The next meeting will be hosted by the Brownwood Depot Visitor Center in Brownwood on November 13 at 11 AM. Meeting adjourned to lunch provided by the Mills County Museum at 12:45.