# **Penatuhkah Comanche Trails Partnership**

**MINUTES**

**November 13, 2023**

**Adams Street Community Center Brownwood and Zoom**

**11:00 am – 1:00 pm CDT**

Attendance:

Linda Frank  DeLeon

Rose Taylor DeLeon

Jerry Leonard DeLeon

Virginia Fleming Comanche

Becca Jackson Comanche

Don Kissire Goldthwaite

Jan Hartwell Goldthwaite

Brenda Brooks Goldthwaite

Tammie Virden Forts Trail ZOOM

Martha Cupp Brownwood

Frank Hilton Brownwood

Donnie Lappe Brownwood

Kandice Harris Brownwood

Jerry Blankenship San Saba

Bill Modawell Brownwood

Janice Modawell Brownwood

Suzanne Shield-Polk San Marcos ZOOM

Tina Stanton Melvin

Christy Dupriest Melvin

Montie Guthrie Santa Anna

Sandra Guthrie Santa Anna

Executive Director Montie Guthrie called the meeting to order at 11:10 am at the Adams Street Community Center in Brownwood, Texas. The group was welcomed to Brownwood by Kandice Harris, Executive Director of Brownwood Chamber of Commerce. Harris greeted everyone and explained some features of the partnership’s social media presence on the web.

Tina Stanton and Christy Dupriest from Melvin introduced themselves as new partners and Christy spoke briefly on the possible TCPs on her property.

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. Don Kissire moved adopting minutes as submitted and Janice Modawell seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Partners briefly discussed securing shirts similar to Montie’s and Sandra’s Partnership shirts. Sandy told the partners how she got hers done and who did the embroidery.
* Bill Modawell returned to the topic of membership dues. Modawell stated that as of November 13, six communities had paid their dues, leaving out Paint Rock, which has no sponsoring organization and TMCN who was giving the Trails a full page ad in the TMCN Guide. He encouraged those not having paid 2023 dues to do so.
* Becca Jackson reported on the recent activity on the Partnership webpage. She needs locations, info, pictures, and captions to go on the site. She showed the group how TCPs at the various communities were being added to the webpage.
* Modawell reported on the Trails presentation to the San Saba County Commissioners Court and County Judge. He told the partners about meeting a person with potential TCPs on his property and the great-great granddaughter of John Meusebach.
* Guthrie explained that the travelling exhibit is presently in Abilene where it is being displayed by FrontierTexas! the month of November. He also said the exhibit was loaned to Abilene State Park for a Veterans’ Day weekend event.

New business,

* Presentations to Councils and Commissioners Courts can be scheduled.

Guthrie apologized to the group for the collapse of technology that prevented Linda Pelon from explaining the east-west Penatuhkah Trails extending from Paint Rock in the west to Nacogdoches in the east through the D-FW metroplex. She envisions this opening up a lucrative area for the partners.

* Guthrie told about the reception at The Grace Museum hosted by Humanities Texas for recipients of grants in this region. Our grant was to create the travelling exhibit.
* Guthrie then proposed the idea of creating an Advisory Board of Comanches to guide the Partnership in its steps to fulfill its Mission goals. Jerry Leonard moved and Virginia Fleming seconded that Guthre actively pursue creation of such Board. Motion passed unanimously. Guthrie stated he would work with Linda Pelon to do so.
* Guthrie proposed the idea that the Partnership hire Becca Jackson as webmaster for the website at $35 per hour. Kandice Harris moved and Bill Modawell seconded that the partnership hire Jackson. Motion passed unanimously.
* The next meeting will be hosted by the Santa Anna Chamber of Commerce in Santa Anna on February 19, 2024, at 11 AM. Meeting adjourned to lunch provided by the Brownwood Chamber at 1:05.