



Regular 3rd quarter meeting was called to order at 10:03 am. **Present were:** John Walker – President, Cody Scott –1st Vice President, Willy Conrad –2nd Vice President, Mandi Ligon – Director, Jim Ansley – Director, Dandy Kothmann –Director, Frank Price – Director, Melissa Teague—Director, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Natalie Bartek –Secretary. Also present was Brian Hays to report for his respective committee.

Walker called the meeting to order; a quorum was established. Walker welcomed everyone and quickly reviewed the agenda.

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 7/11/2014. Ligon made a motion to accept the minutes as e-mailed out. Scott seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer’s Report, plus additional attachments, provided and reviewed by Moen. Various revenues and expenses; doing well. Investments have increased. Lots of things with SRM put us behind on filing taxes. Allen Press is working much better; just had to get errors from the past fixed. In dealing with all the adversities, Moen proposes: **requesting tax documents be received by 5 ½ months before the close of the FY (May 15th).** Conrad moved to **word the handbook with the new, May 15th, request.** Pratka seconded the motion. **Unanimously passed.**

The board discussed grant writing for assistance with meetings, since they are our only real form of revenue. Rylie Kitchens was mentioned to possibly know some avenues. Walker looked for some to apply for but could not find any.

Current Balances (as of 7/18/2014):

TSSRM General Fund	\$26,857.59
<i>(Usable bank balance = \$26,857.59)</i>	
<i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)</i>	
<i>(TNLA @ Community National Bank-Hondo = \$8,530.61)</i>	
Sonora Bank-Sonora	\$1,060.00

Current Investment Balances (as of 6/30/2014):

TSSRM MSF (IPI)	\$90,142.76
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF (IPI)	\$72,421.63
TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI)	\$183,739.04
TSSRM YACEF (IPI)	\$24,014.64

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted, by Scott. Motion seconded by Ansley. **Motion carried unanimously.**

NEWSLETTER: Feel free to send any article in to Tyson.

WEBSITE REPORT: Melissa is not taking additional customers/sections at this time so TSSRM will stay with Ann for the time being. John and Jeremy will communicate possible use of Allen Press.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don Pendleton Estate-The Investment Committee needs guidelines on what the BOD wants them to do with the endowment. The gift is dedicated to the Endowment Fund, which has brought up the need for discussion about how to allocate the money within TSSRM.

Pratka and Moen are getting together to see what past budgets with Youth Endowment are and what kind of monies they need, what they do with them, etc... The committee is not sure if the Endowment has the authority to send a percentage of the gift to the YAC Endowment. It has been recommend to lay out what



can be done; if YAC would like an allocation for a specific need, it is suggested YAC put together a proposal for review.

Discussion commenced on contradictory verbiage and to possibly hire legal counsel to confirm what can be done with the gift, legally. Legal counsel will require a budget of at least \$5000. It is suggested to have counsel. Is it "err" of the gift if we move it? The BOD doesn't think it would but the section needs to completely understand their legal responsibilities if considering moving.

YAC is asking for half of the entire gift. As is, the BOD isn't inclined to give half of the gift to the Youth Endowment but we can still give them 100% of the interest if so chosen. Dandy has been given no word as to the wishes of the YAC. If YAC has a request, they are asked to submit it. The BOD hasn't denied YAC when they asked for money in the past. Bottom line, the purpose of the monies is not to accumulate.

MOTION: Ansley moved to keep the money in the Endowment Fund, pending an actual proposal or request from YAC, if any. Upon receipt of a proposal, a committee should be formed to look into how the money can be legally used and/or moved. **Scott** seconded the motion. **Discussion:** A lot of people work hard for the money in the Youth Endowment Fund and we don't want to alienate them. **The motion passed unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION:

Utilizing the exhibit normally.

ANNUAL MEETING:

Marfa/Alpine/Ft Davis (2014)

Agendas provided, as well as AM registration info. Still looking for entertainment on the last night. Will have finalized packets done soon, for distribution. Need to add "call hotel directly" to get block of rooms, and add "theme" too [Two Countries, One Perspective].

Wichita Falls (2015)

Location: Holiday Inn at the Falls (recently remodeled)

Dates: Wednesday, October 7, 2015—Friday, October 9, 2015 (pending)

Committee Chairs: Tony Dean & John Paclik

Set up initial meeting in August. Correspondence from Sal, yes-we could do some sort of training. Will work with Jeff to get a quality training for the meeting; will do the same for Oklahoma NRCS too. Jaimie Tankersly will also help if needed.

Programs (diverse perspectives/experiences), Tour (unique),

2016 Annual Meeting –Conrad

Recommends Uvalde; they haven't offered compensated rooms but he's working on that. How managing rangeland with oilfields; San Antonio buying water easements in the area. Offered to work with us on tours. Donated civic center without food/beverage; break out rooms, etc. **Ligon** moved the Texas Section select Uvalde as 2016 AM location. **Pratka** seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Corpus Christi Annual SRM Mtg:

Robert Moen will be at the summer mtg August 4th. Walker to ask Jenny to send information/agenda.

AWARDS:

We need more nominations; especially for Outstanding Contribution to Range Management, Outstanding Achievement, & Special Recognition. Conrad is sending one in to Contribution.



COLLEGE ACTIVITIES:

No new business. TAMU San Antonio will bring a team to the AM in Alpine.

ENDOWMENT: No report

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS: No report

INVESTMENT:

Pratka looked real close at the current investments. Liquidated a lot of bond funds, equities... >\$283,000 being put back into the market. The market has changed quite a bit. The committee will go back into American funds; concentrating on different strategies (US & Global). They switched from fee-based to transaction-based charges. Interests made will not automatically roll into the account; they'll be in cash, hoping to add opportunities to add more money to scholarship monies. The YAC Fund will be invested just like the other accounts; unlike it was in the past, which was more "safe"/less "aggressive". It's a work in progress.

MEMBERSHIP:

Normal membership monitoring in progress.

MENTORSHIP:

Summary of Work:

- A dutch treat lunch was organized June 28th at Cheddars in San Antonio. This allowed mentors and mentees to meet and get to know their mentor/mentee as well as others in attendance.
- Final evaluation will be done prior to the annual meeting.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS:

-We have 2 candidates for 2nd VP and 4 candidates for Director.

Paper ballots have been printed and will be mailed July 16-18.

Electronic voting initiated as well. Completed by August 1st.

-Note: 220 out of 318 (69%) members are set up for paper ballots. To make this happen, this process takes 1 person a full day by the time all logistics are taken care of and costs the society \$350 to \$400.

Considering the technology available in this day and age, I would respectfully suggest that the Board consider moving to 100% electronic balloting.

-It is time to solicit officer nominees from TSSRM to the parent Society. If the Board or other Officers have ideas about individuals interested in serving as 2nd VP or Director in the parent society, please contact Jason Hohlt at Jason.hohlt@yahoo.com or call 979 229-5745.

ORM: No report

PLANNING:

The responsibilities of the 1st VP are already large. Solicitation of anyone interested in assisting with organizing summer field tours. The ORM role could possibly take on the planning responsibilities. A handbook update is possible.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS:

Use the Public Affairs Com as a clearinghouse. Someone submits a resolution to the Public Affairs Committee, which goes to the Resolutions Committee. Then if it passes, the BOD makes a decision. Essentially, there are 3 layers of review.

A committee has been put together. Once a resolution is in, Dean will send it to them, "as is". They will review and ask, "Is it good science?". The document will be sent to a separate group, to look at the "readability", check grammar, spelling, etc. Dean will get a producer perspective and will also look at compliance with TSSRM and SRM guidelines. The mission of the committee is to adopt a consistent format for our resolutions and statements. Using resolution formats, position statements in paragraph form. The committee is gearing up to hopefully start pushing statements.



TNLA (Texas Native Lands Alliance):

Walker wants to get them involved with statements? Gene Richardson, Farm Bureau

PUBLICATION AWARDS:

Announcement for newsletter...6 technical articles have been nominated.

Scott moved to accept/adopt the TSSRM Resolution-Texas GLCI document, with wording changes. Kothmann seconded the motion. Discussion: It is voluntary on part of the rancher on whether or not he wants assistance. Motion tabled. Tony will correct the resolution grammatically and will resubmit.

RESOLUTIONS:

See attached Resolution-Texas GLCI

SCHOLARSHIP:

The Bill Wysche Memorial Scholarship has a lot of applicants. A Reverse Raffle will be planned for the Annual Meeting in October.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: No report.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Youth Range Camp went well. Most notable was the weather; it rained almost every day so seed collections were good. There were a total of 38 students at camp. Top Award went to Randi Buckaloo (Liveoak County) and Public Speaker Award to Laura Biggs (Randall County). Currently selecting delegates for Sacramento SRM Mtg, will have selections soon. There were less sponsorships this year than in other years; letters that normally go out were late and may not have been sent in some cases.

NEW BUSINESS:

• Kids On The Land

Peggy Maddix, out of Sweetwater, used to promote Holistic Ranching Mgmt; she is now taking donations for the Kids On The Land. She teaches kids from 3rd-5th grade, about grazing mgmt., erosion, seeds, etc. She ties the concepts to the STARR Test. Kids On The Land promotes what TSSRM promotes, supporting the land. She covers about 10 different schools and would like to come in during budget discussions and talk to the board. Business will be put on the January 2015 agenda.

FUTURE MEETINGS: 4th Qtr/Annual Meeting Tuesday, October 7, 2014 9 am, Holland Hotel-Alpine, TX
1st Qtr Meeting _____

Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by Hays and seconded by Scott. Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting Adjourned at 1:37 pm.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie W Bartek, Secretary