

**LCNS Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 17, 2009**

John Strom called the Laffites Cove Nature Society meeting to order at 12:06 pm. A quorum of Directors was present. Grant Rice was unable to attend. Susan Gonzales was not in attendance.

Issues:

- We need the LCNS website up-dated, none has been done since 2008. Add a history link about the formation of the preserves and what has here before.
- Ask Grant if he knows who is doing work on the berm in Little B.
- Signs are still an issue, who is leading this effort? Mort has contacted Susan, but no word yet.
- The Board feels CKM is not as responsive to our needs as they should be. Discussion with Susan and the Board to outline needs, expectations will be scheduled.

Approval of Minutes: Chris Cahill, Motion – Mort Voller, Second – All in favor.

Financials:

- Preserve maintenance has begun in parts by bid for individual jobs with Shaneyfelt. Heric wanted an hourly bid, and Harry Sturges did not respond. Shaneyfelt met our needs at a very affordable rate for hourly work and bids for large jobs within our budget.
- FEMA will not do much, only dangerous salt kill trees and dead overhangs along the paths in Preserve E. Work is delayed by FEMA until a historical representative (archeologist) is hired by the City to oversee the work in the preserves because of the site being on the Texas Historical Register.

Approval of Financials: Chris Cahill, Motion – Scott Weaver, Second – All in favor.

Preserve Maintenance:

- Focus on E – Press for FEMA work to begin, Mort supervises Shaneyfelt workers and will approve any billing sent for payment.
- Preserve F – Survey needed! Fences on the NE side in the wrong place and the SW section is being maintained by a homeowner. The asphalt road was removed and yellow rope was installed after repairs and replacements to the posts. Action item is to have Susan arrange for a surveyor to outline the borders for F.
- Another effort will be made to contact Harry Sturges for bids on additional work needed in the preserves. Also we need to have his input on the removal of the PVC piping installed for watering the oaks in E because the permit with the City for the water meters expires at the end of October. Mort and Chris will try to contact him again.
- Does it make sense to install a permanent line from the fire hydrants or a grey water line from the treatment plant? We need the City as a partner on this project. Mort will investigate.
- There are still funds available to us from the TCEQ fines – Mort will talk to Brandon.
- Mort reviewed his preserve report for the trees damaged or dead in E – estimate of 800 trees – we will need to budget in 2010 for doing some removal and pruning. The discussion was ended with agreement to make this the primary subject of a future meeting.
- Evasive species will be addressed using Shaneyfelt hourly workers supervised by Mort.
- Preserves along Stewart Road need to be worked on by Shaneyfelt hourly workers.
- Preserve J has a black iron fence that needs repair. Susan send a note to Jay Hawkins asking the LCPOA to notify Gary Greene (owner).
- The Cemetery on Windlass Court needs to be pruned and a gate needs to be added to the fence for access. A sign also needs to be placed at the fence line along Windlass to identify the site with the family name and a small amount of history. Gary work with Susan and Phil with contact Judy Wern (the family heir).
- Susan needs to send letters to the owners of the lots along Windlass Circle that border Preserve D to notify them of the work that will be done clearing brush in order to install the post and rope fence along D's north border. Gary will identify lots and send names to Susan.

Motion to use Mort's contingency plan for the preserves allowing \$4000 - \$6000 from the maintenance budget to implement: Scott Weaver, Motion – Phil Glass, Second – All in favor.

Canal Maintenance:

- There should be no more items in the canals after the cleaning done post Ike.

Old Business:

- Marsh grass buffer zones are being violated by jet ski and boat lifts. Last count was 35 violations.

A Motion was made for Susan to request an update from the ARB about plans that have been submitted and the permits that have been granted. Photos and the summarized survey of violations conducted by Scott and Susan should also be sent to the ARB.

Scott Weaver, Motion – Chris Cahill, Second – All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned for a discussion in Executive Session.