

CULP General Meeting

August 27, 2016

El Ranchito's

9:30

Board Members Present:

Rick Wallace

Jeanette West

Ron Hermes

Bill Fisher

Jim O'Leary

Robin Dwyer

Liz Hilsdorf

Don McGhee

Kevin Skonnard

Larry Sams

County Officials Present: Greg Seidenberger – County Commissioner Pct. 1  
David Welch – GBRA  
Shelley Coleman – County Environmental Health  
Patrick Bender – County Emergency Systems

Patrick Bender explained the Reverse Call Back System and reminded everyone to keep phone numbers up-to-date.

David Welch discussed the history of GBRA, pointing out the aging infrastructure of the hydro dams. The gate on the H-5 (Lake Woods) dam has collapsed. Big question is how to finance repairs and maintenance for all the dams. Question was brought up about zebra mussels; none have been reported in Lake Placid.

Shelley Coleman provided an update on the FEMA grants to elevate homes. Work has begun on the first homes from the 2014 applications. 20 of the 40 2015 applications have been approved. She also explained about the septic collection site off Youngs Road. The permit was issued by the state and the county cannot step in. The site is being investigated by TECQ and we will only receive information after investigation is closed.

Greg Seidenberger explained that funds will be necessary for dam repair. Many think that water front property owners should provide those funds. Others believe that everyone in the county benefits and therefore everyone should share the cost. A compromise will need to be worked out in the near future.

Minutes from 2015 meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report: Total revenue of \$9148.66 and total expenses of \$3108.00 to end fiscal year with balance of \$78,656.81. Of that \$66,257.57 is in CD's and Savings Accounts. Report was read and approved.

Membership Committee: Jeanette reported that we have 225 members. She also promoted the Christmas Fund Raiser to be held at the McQueeney Ski Lodge on December 2, 2016.

Rick reminded everyone that we do have a website: [lakeplacidtexas.org](http://lakeplacidtexas.org) and that we have a Facebook account for those that need to access information.

Water Safety Report. The "No Wake" zone in front of boat ramp was installed by GBRA at the request of the Parks and Wildlife. Wake surfing committee that was formed at last

year's General Meeting gave a brief report. GBRA's original rule was deemed too vague. New rules are being formed. Committee reported that most evidence available were negative toward wake surfing. Committee members stated that their report was incomplete at this time.

Water Quality Report: Jim O'Leary presented an explanation of the high e-coli counts reported over the summer. He worked closely with GBRA and Springs Hill to test frequently and at various locations. Don McGhee gave scientific summary showing how complicated the measurements of e-coli counts can be. None of the numbers, including EPA's number of 235 are "drop-dead" numbers. There has been no known case of illness due to e-coli in Lake Placid. In summary; e-coli counts over 235 are considered not safe. E-coli counts of over 1000 were noted immediately after high rain events but were substantially lower 3 days later. GBRA indicated they have seen counts 6000 plus. Advice is to stay out of water immediately after high rain events.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- \*Trash Contract - CULP members can get reduced rates.
- \*Pecan Spraying - CULP members can get reduced rates.
- \*Guadalupe Basin Coalition (GBC) membership provides us access to lobbyist at the State Legislature concerning water related issues.
- \*Rick reported that we were not successful in our bid for the land purchases from GBRA.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A Motion was presented by Don McGhee for CULP emergency expenditures when convening a meeting of the Board of Directors is not possible due to time constraints. Motion proposes that expenditure can be made with the vote of 3 of the 4 Board Officers and may not exceed \$5000. Motion was approved by majority of members.

A motion was presented by Don McGhee for CULP conducting business via email. Motion proposes that email votes originate with the Board president, must be unanimous, all Board members must vote within specified time limit, and no wording changes allowed without repeating the entire process. Motion was approved by majority of members.

A motion was presented from the floor to make a request to GBRA to have a regular period where the lake is lowered so that homeowners can perform maintenance on waterfront property. Motion passed.

A motion was presented from the floor to make a request to TxDOT to repair the lights on the Highway 90 Bridge. Motion passed.

#### ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS:

On the ballot were Rick Wallace, Jeanette West, Ron Hermes, and Rob Croll. Nominations from the floor included Bryan Stuckey and Kathy Campbell. Members were asked to vote for 4. Board Members elected for 2 year terms were: Rick Wallace, Jeanette West, Ron Hermes, and Rob Croll.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 am.