



Regular 1st quarter meeting was called to order at 9:07 am. **Present were:** Matt Wagner – President, Ken Cearley – 1st Vice President, Jeff Goodwin – 2nd Vice President, Poncho Ortega – Director, Kent Ferguson – Director, Diaz Murray – Director, Linda Campbell – Director, Tony Dean – Director, Robert Moen – Treasurer, Natalie Wolff – Secretary. Also present were: Hoyt Seidensticker – Youth Activities Committee, Jenny Pluhar – SRM Director (08-10).

Wagner called meeting to order, and a quorum was established. Wagner welcomed everyone who was present as well as Dr. Ortega and Goodwin to the board.

Wagner reviewed the agenda and asked for any additions/corrections needed; officer appointments and budget will need to be addressed. The board approved the agenda.

MINUTES: Minutes were emailed out to the BOD on 10/29/2010. Motion by Goodwin to accept minutes as read. Motion seconded by Murray. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Wagner was made to appoint and re-appoint all appointed positions within the section; i.e. Secretary (Wolff), Treasurer (Moen), Newsletter Editor (Tyson Hart) and Archivist (Knox). A second was made by Cearley. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's Report, plus additional attachments, provided and reviewed by Moen. Moen reported the section is in "good financial condition" while distributing financial statements to the group. The main topics of brief discussion were TNLA Revenues being moved into a separate account based off recommendation from an audit. Most expenses were typical and within budget. The pledge transfer to YAC was completed and all other balances look good. As of 1/13/2011, TSSRM funds were transferred from Frost Bank to IPI, as has been discussed and voted on in the last several meetings.

Current Balances as of (12/31/10):

TSSRM General Fund	\$17,719.98
<i>(Usable bank balance = \$6,135.53)</i>	
<i>(Internal allocation to GOF Investments = \$15,000.00)</i>	
<i>(Accumulated surplus [estimated] = \$4,563.56)</i>	
TSSRM Endowment Fund	\$48,840.03
TSSRM Endowment Fund (IPI)	\$9,480.00
TSSRM MSF	\$74,316.41
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF	\$64,518.35
TSSRM YACEF	\$25,138.15

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as submitted by Campbell. Motion seconded by Ferguson. Motion carried unanimously.

NEWSLETTER: Goodwin reported Derek Scasta would no longer be able to accept the newsletter position since he now has an opportunity to earn his PhD. Tyson Hart has accepted the position and will begin once he has a handle on things.

WEBSITE REPORT: Wolff reported online updates; requesting updates from chairs. BOD is still working on securing a Website Coordinator position who can update the section's online appeal while working with website updates and Ann T.



OLD BUSINESS:

- Website/Social Media Strategy—Wagner working on contacts for those interested
- Endowment Fund—To be discussed in Committee Report
- Youth Activities Travel to National Mtg—Pluhar & Seidensticker reported on the travel needs for Texas youth to attend the AM in Billings. TSSRM has 5 youth (2 returning) attending, which they will need 2 chaperones. YAC has secured monies for the majority of this year's travel, with the help of Pluhar and SRM President. YAC is requesting \$1,461.20, as requested in Committee Report, to complete the funding for travel. Campbell made a motion approve the YAC travel request of \$1,461.20. Ortega made the second and the motion passed unanimously. During discussion, it was mentioned to think about including a cap of \$1500 for future travel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES & EDUCATION: It was reported by Wagner the TSSRM Display is under-way. He and his committee have come up with several general themes to convey in the display; ranging from range/wildlife mgmt/restoration, watershed mgmt, carbon sequestration, to rural lifestyle and reclamation/mitigation. While the new display is not ready, the old display will be shown at the TSWCRA and hopefully the TWA meetings coming up.

ANNUAL MEETING:

- (Wagner) 2011—San Angelo: Oct 12-14; Rangeland Stewardship—History, Heritage, Future. Springfield Suites
 - (Cearley) 2012—Fredericksburg: Oct 10-12; Wildlife Theme. Inn on Barrons Creek. Lady Bird Johnson Park...
 - (Goodwin) 2013—Fort Worth: Oct; Dedication to Chuck Merrill. Hotel near Raceway. Bear Creek Ranch...
- All co-chairs were announced as well.

AWARDS: No report.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES: New Chair is Bonnie Warnock. TSSRM needs to step up our game on college activities at AM. Plans for student activities and programs, current topics, concurrent sessions, and social interaction are needed at AM. Change the plant id contest from indoor to outdoor. Add Quiz Bowl? Warnock will be planning these items for 2011 AM.

ENDOWMENT: Those present were given the EC Proposal, which the BOD will review, in detail, and be ready to discuss and make decisions at the next meeting. TSSRM has already switched accounts to IPI. It is understood all groups/committee's with funds, will be separate within the TSSRM IPI account. The current IPI committee has reviewed and will continue to look at statements, which the BOD will also review to ensure no oversights.

GRASS ROOTS AWARDS: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: McClintock reported current membership at 411 active members as of 12/14/2010. As for BOD response on membership decline, it is suggested McClintock email those who do not renew, and personally inquire about their decision not to renew.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: Tim Fulbright is the new Chair. Budget request made.

ORM: Same budget request as last year. Still have carry-over for 2011. Will also order new/different plaques for award recipients.



PLANNING (2012 AM): See above AM Notes

PUBLIC AFFAIRS: Ruben Cantu is the new Chair. [Keeping up with the wildlife tax exemption and the groundwater bill is important to the BOD](#), as discussed by Campbell, Ortega and others.

- **TNLA:** No report.

PUBLICATION AWARDS: Budget request.

RESOLUTIONS: No report.

SCHOLARSHIP: No report.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS: [Discussion on incorporating YP in AM competitions with College Activities.](#)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: [Kothmann reported summary of accomplishments.](#) Request for youth travel. [Wagner will attend YRW Ceremony as well as the 4-H Roundup Range Contest Awards Ceremony.](#)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Endowment Committee Proposal—[all BOD members will read proposal and discuss at next meeting.](#)
- Wayne Becker Grazing Survey—[Mr. Becker can go to the SRM website and obtain any emails he would like for his survey. TSSRM would not be giving out emails of its members.](#)
- Holmes Rolston Digital Permission Request—[Granted and signed.](#)
- PayPal for AM & Booth registrants—[speak to Denisha or Vicky at SRM](#)
- 2011 Budget Approval—[Robert reviewed the budget spreadsheet, which included all budget requests from committee reports. Not all report requests were approved if the request was over the usual budget. After reviewing, Ferguson moved to approve the 2011 Budget. Goodwin made a second and the motion was approved unanimously.](#)

Future Meetings: 2nd Qtr [Friday April 22, 2011 @ 9am @ Mason Mountain WMA, Mason TX](#)

 3rd Qtr [Friday July 15, 2011 @ 9am @ Mason Mountain WMA, Mason TX](#)

 4th Qtr [October ?, 2011 @ ? @ San Angelo](#)

[Motion to adjourn the meeting was announced by Ferguson and seconded by Cearley. Motion passed unanimously.](#)

Meeting Adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Natalie G Wolff, Secretary