

Rocky Hollow Ranch Wildlife Management Association
Annual Meeting
5 June 2021 - 10:00 am
Hill Country Fellowship – Burnet

- Rocky Hollow Ranch Wildlife Management Association President, Tommy Parker, called the 2021 Annual Meeting to order at 10:14 AM.
- See POA minutes for details on who was in attendance versus who submitted proxies. Numbers sufficient for a quorum were met.
- Tommy briefly outlined the benefits, objectives, and requirements of the WMA: Participation offers a tax exemption comparable to that of an agricultural exemption. To meet requirements, nine acres of each ten-acre tract of land must be used primarily for the management and benefit of targeted indigenous wildlife species. Species must be those used for either human consumption, medicine, or recreation. The county appraisal officer has the final say as to what we can do. We have two or three projects to complete each year (see section below).
- RHRWMA Secretary's Report – Katherine Hilton
 - Minutes from 29 February 2020 Annual Meeting emailed previously – Tommy asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Liz Donahue made the motion, and Bill Bundy seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- RHRWMA Treasurer's Report – Cathy Jacobson
 - Current report was emailed on May 4, 2021. The ending balance in the WMA account is expected to be approximately \$6500.00. Tommy asked for a motion to approve the report and the motion was made by Scott Cason. Dave Donahue seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Old Business
 - 2020 Annual 1-D-1 Report - Information only, no action required
 - Report completed and emailed to county appraisal district on December 28, 2020
 - Full report emailed to membership previously, hard copy available for review
 - WMA 2020 Projects Completed - Information only, no action required
 - Habitat/Erosion Control – annual rye grass seeding – Robert Mathews
 - Supplemental Food – Wildlife feed blocks – Suzanne Patton
 - Supplemental Shelter – Planting sage trees – Garrett Hagen
 - WMA 2021 Projects and Project Managers - Information only, no action required
 - Supplemental Shelter – Bluebird boxes - Robert Mathews, Project Manager.
 - Supplemental Food – Wildflower and Milkweed Seeding – Scott Cason, Project Manager.
 - Habitat Control – Jr. Oak Tree Caging/Removal of Junipers – The Hagens, Project Managers.
 - WMA 2021 Work Days - Information only
 - Spring (2nd Saturday in April) - April 10
 - Fall (2nd Saturday in October) - October 9
 - There was no other old business.

- **New Business**

- **Wild animals – Information only, no action required.**
 - Tommy Parker discussed the pros and cons of feeding our targeted species. Feeding is controversial for several reasons: over-feeding can also feed non-targeted species such as wild hogs; deer crowded around a feeder can spread diseases among them; supplemental feed such as deer corn can have adverse health affects; and the proper kind of feed (which contains anthrax-fighting proteins) is costly. Correct support is planting forage food (which we do), and population control (which we cannot do at RHR because of covenant restrictions).
 - Tommy reported that our most destructive species are coyotes and feral hogs. Since coyotes will eat practically anything at any time, members are urged to keep them away by securing garbage containers and eliminating any possible food supply. Feral hogs, of which there are many in this area, are the most destructive invasive species in the world. A sow produces two litters a year with eight to ten piglets per litter resulting in a range of fifteen hogs per square mile. These animals are intelligent and can learn to avoid traps. Burnet County Sheriffs Office may be contacted to deal with these vicious and potentially deadly pests. Further information on hog removal was made available for those who were interested.
- **Vote on 2021 WMA assessment.** In 2019 the WMA assessment was increased from \$100 a year to \$120 a year because projects were increasing in cost. The WMA will fund two guzzlers a year at \$200 each, but many lots now have them. Our cash amount is good so President Tommy Parker and Treasurer Cathy Jacobson recommended to reduce the annual dues to \$100 per year. Tommy entertained a motion, and Scott Cason moved that we keep dues at \$120. Bobby Doyal seconded and after some discussion, the membership voted to keep annual dues at \$120.
- **There was further discussion on wildlife issues.** Keith Anderson suggested that there is no reason for members to stop at the three annual projects. We may want to think in terms of true management rather than just meeting our BCAD requirements for tax exemptions. A good example of this is the use of guzzlers. He pointed out that we have cultivated a good relationship with the appraisal district due to going a little above and beyond what is required. Mike Waltmon reminded members that the law allows firearm use on destructive animals but standard liability applies.
- **WMA Board Elections for 2021**
 - **President – Tommy Parker 2020/2021 – no action required**
 - **Vice President – Robert Mathews 2019/2020 – end of term - need to elect.** Robert has indicated willingness to serve another term.
 - **Secretary – Katherine Hilton 2020/2021 – midterm; no action required**
 - **Treasurer – Cathy Jacobson 2020/2021 – midterm; no action required**
 - **At Large Position – Scott Cason 2020/2021 – midterm; no action required**
 - **At Large Position – Bobby Doyal 2020/2021 – midterm; no action required**
 - **At Large Position – Garrett Hagen 2019/2020 – end of term - need to elect.** Garrett has indicated willingness to serve another term.
 - **With Robert Mathews nominated as Vice President and Garrett Hagen nominated as Member at Large,** Tommy opened the floor for further nominations, but there were none. Bill Bundy made the motion to

approve the re-election of Robert Mathews and Garrett Hagen by acclamation, and Liz Donahue seconded the motion. Both were re-elected by acclamation.

- **There was no other new business.**

- **Tommy Parker adjourned the meeting at 10:58 AM.**

Minutes recorded and respectfully submitted by Katherine Hilton, RHWMA Secretary, June 5, 2021.