

Minutes of the Palomar Mountain Planning Organization Meeting April 21, 2001

Board Members Present:

Terri Bailey, Robert Carlyle, Steve Clark, Tracy Dixon, Donna Dose, Elizabeth Getzoff (alternate), Bruce Graves, Susan Humason, Elliott Miller, Jack Norvall, Michael Pique, and guests including Karl Bauer, Don Heller, Bonnie Phelps, and Jerry McLees.

The PMPO Board meeting was convened 10:17 A.M. April 21, 2001, at the Palomar Mountain Volunteer Fire Department.

The minutes of the February 24, 2001 meeting were distributed and approved.

The treasurer, Tracy Dixon, reported no income or expenditures since the last board meeting. Our current assets stand as \$22,298.77 in the bank account. The report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cedar Creek Yale Water Project

Jerry McLees reported that San Diego County groundwater geologist John Peterson said it was time for Mr. Yale to examine Cedar Creek downstream of his well for biology that might be impacted. This study will lead to the preparation of a biology report that will become part of the EIR (Environmental Impact Report) for the county to review. Mr. McLees contacted Julian biologist Virginia Moran to assist in ensuring that Mr. Yale's study is conducted in a comprehensive and professional manner. Mr. McLees estimated it would take at least two months for the EIR to be prepared, then about 2 months for the county initial review, then back to Mr. Yale, back to the county for review, and then after review by county counsel and Mr. Yale's consultants, become available for public 45-day review. Elizabeth Getzoff noted that one part of the investigation is determining whether the Cedar Creek bed is a "wetland" by various definitions and whether it is home to threatened or endangered plants or animals.

Dual Government Survey Problem

Jack Norvall summarized the past year of work: meeting with the Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM), receiving transcripts of the Garten lawsuit case, and reviewing hundreds of microfiche survey records. On behalf of the PMPO, Bob Haase wrote the BLM and achieved an extension of time for us to discuss the issue with them. This spring, US Forest Service surveyor Ken Whittaker visited the area and walked around the various stone and iron markers with Bruce Graves, Bob Haase, and Jack Norvall. Jack has since located a rock monument that he believes is the southeast corner of the disputed section 14, as set by William Minto in the late 1800's. The rocks form a rough circle with a long, pointed stone having three narrow notches visible. The monument is about 90 feet north and 200 feet west of the 1976 Barrett "Conifer Road" marker accepted by Mr. Whittaker in the survey that triggered the problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

Annual Meeting and Newsletter Draft Review

Bonnie Phelps reported the Lodge has been sold (is in escrow) and the new owners welcome us to having our annual meeting and pancake breakfast there again, on May 26, 2001. The board accepted the offer with thanks. Donna Dose is organizing the breakfast. Bruce Graves will bring rented grills, tables from the PMVFD, and chairs from the Observatory, with the assistance of Don Heller. Frozen meats will be delivered Thursday May 23; Bonnie Phelps will make sure the Lodge freezers are ready.

Susan Humason brought proof copies of the newsletter and accepted corrections. She expects to mail 640 copies. Postage might be 55 cents per copy, depending on exact weight.

Expense reimbursements

The Board authorized payment to Bruce Graves of \$150 to replace the cellular telephone lost during the surveying, and payment to Jack Norvall of \$200 for aerial photograph and map copying.

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Next Meetings:

The annual meeting will be held May 26, 2001 (immediately following pancake breakfast). Board members whose terms expire then are Bruce Graves, Donna Dose, Tom Burton, Russ Day, and Susan Humason. Robert Thicksten has asked to leave the Board at that time, so we will have elections for six seats. The next scheduled board meeting is May 26, 2001 (immediately following Annual Meeting).

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 A.M.

Michael E. Pique, Secretary.