



2020 Goal: Adopt-Out/Plant
10,000 Trees
Current Count To-Date:
4,600 Trees

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LEON VALLEY TREE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting of the Leon Valley Tree Advisory Board (TAB) at 6:00 PM, on Monday, February 25, 2019, at Leon Valley Public Works (Employee Breakroom), 6429 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas.

I. Poll for Attendance and Determination of a Quorum.

- Staff Liaisons: David Dimaline (Present)
- TAB Forester: Mark Kroeze, Texas Forest Service (Absent)
- Members Present: Irene Baldrige, Thomas Benavides, Denise Berger, Melinda Dawson, and Mary Key
- Members Absent: Amber Mouser, Diana Sarfin, and Rich Sarfin

II. Approval of Minutes – January 28, 2019.

- Ms. Key made a motion to approve the minutes from January 28, 2019 as written. Ms. Dawson seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

III. Discussion and Update on Tree Adoption Event during Earthwise Living Day on March 2, 2019.

- The event runs from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM (TAB members will meet at 9:00 AM to setup).
- CPS Energy, the TAB, and the Texas Forest Service will be co-located on the patio of the community center.
- Representatives for CPS Energy and the Texas Forest Service are Beth Lettman and Mark Kroeze respectively.
- Mr. Kroeze will be providing a demonstration on the application of the oak wilt fungicide.
- CPS Energy and the City of Leon Valley purchased 300 trees from Mosty Brothers Nursery. Type and quantity purchased is as follows:
 - Natchez Crape Myrtle (White) -> 62
 - Texas Redbud -> 63
 - Mexican Plum -> 62
 - Mexican Buckeye -> 63
 - Yaupon Holly -> 50

IV. Discussion and Update of the Forest View Oak Wilt Trench Project.

- Bravo Construction has completed the project (total cost was approximately \$10K).
- An alley has been identified by Mr. Damaline and Mr. Kroeze as a possible secondary trench that is parallel to the current trench on Forest View. If it is decided to move forward on this second trench project, it will be accomplished in-house by Leon Valley Public Works personnel.

V. Discussion of Future Training Event on Oak Wilt Treatment.

- There is an oak tree in the path of the disease on Forest View that is a good candidate for the fungicide treatment. However, it would require permission from the home owner as well as a waiver of liability. Mr. Damaline will contact the city attorney to address the issue of the waiver.

VI. Discussion and Update on Leon Valley Tree Planting Action Plan.

A. Tiger Sanitation.

- Tiger Sanitation will be purchasing 200 5-gallon trees to be planted at Old Mill, The Ridge, and Silo Parks. In addition, their company will also be providing the volunteers to plant the trees. This action is tentatively scheduled for March 30 or April 6.

B. Mass Planting.

- Mr. Dimaline and Mr. Kroeze are planning to plant 500 saplings in the “natural area” covering approximately 1 acre of land. These saplings will be purchased from J&L Growers in San Benito, Texas. A list of drought tolerant trees suitable for this area will have to be made.

VII. Future Agenda Items.

A. Create more Opportunities for Tree Education.

- Next opportunity will be during Leon Valley's Annual Earthwise Living Day event (March 2, 2019).

B. Create more Opportunities for Tree Planting.

- A review of the Leon Valley Tree Planting Plan is needed to determine future opportunities for tree planting.

VIII. Adjourn.

- Ms. Berger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Ms. Dawson seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

- The next meeting of the TAB is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019, at 6:00 PM, at Leon Valley Public Works (Employee Breakroom), 6429 Evers Road, Leon Valley, Texas.



Chairperson