

**ELMS PROPERTY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
10:30 A.M. MAY 19, 2010  
Minutes**

Members present were Derick Berlage, Kim Howe on behalf of Brad Clements, Sandi Patty on behalf of Pete Dunbar, Phil Rollins, David Heilmeyer, Bill Reabe on behalf of Steve Riley, Dr. Robert Paul, and David Gailey. Others present were Gayle Moreland, Margarita Rochow, Elms Environmental Center; and Laurel Matthew.

Mr. Rollins called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. and asked for additions or amendments to the agenda.

**I. Approval of Minutes – 10/21/09**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of 10/21/09 as amended. The motion passed by a 6-0-1 vote with Dr. Paul abstaining.

**II. New Business**

**a. 2009 Annual Report**

The members reviewed the 2009 annual report and made corrections as necessary including amendments to the membership and the addition of information regarding the MOU for the lease and a table of users and their prospective acreage to date.

*Ms. Howe made a motion to approve the 2009 Annual Report with the amendments mentioned and Ms. Patty seconded. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.*

**III. Unfinished Business**

**a. Update on Hunting of Elms Property**

Mr. Rollins stated after the last meeting the proposal Recreation and Parks sent to the County Commissioners was in fact endorsed by the Commissioners. Mr. Rollins stated a letter was sent to the DNR Secretary who has also endorsed the County's proposed plan for hunting on the Elms Property. Mr. Heilmier stated the language is very important here because DNR did not endorse but rather found that this is not in conflict or violation of the lease agreement. Mr. Rollins stated this will be for bow hunting only on the 85 acres and a separate registration form will be required and is available through the Recreation and Parks Office.

Mr. Rollins stated a meeting was held on March 22, 2010 to discuss this issue with representatives from Recreation and Parks, School Department, Elms Environmental Center, Mattapany Bow and Hunt Club, DNR, and the Sheriffs Department to discuss the logistics of this plan. Mr. Rollins stated at the time the School was in the process of marking the interior of the 85 acre boundary with signage that indicates "Authorized Personnel Only". Mr. Rollins stated the Mattapany Bow and Hunt Club are going to mark the rest of the property with "Bow Hunting Only" signage based upon the GIS coordinates of the 85 acres. Mr. Rollins stated all postings should be complete by the end of this month.

Mr. Rollins stated the Sheriffs Department has agreed to help enforce regulations if there are problems with unauthorized users; DNR Law Enforcement will continue to enforce any hunting violations. Mr. Rollins stated hopefully this type of management will work and the County Commissioners will review this again after January 31, 2011 for necessary amendments to the plan.

**b. Update on Membership**

Mr. Berlage stated Marianne Chapman resigned after the October meeting. Ms. Stuckert stated the County Commissioners will vote on the new member on June 8, 2010. Ms. Stuckert stated after sending out the information on the two applicants, a third application was received. It was asked if the third application could be considered due to it's tardiness in the process. Ms. Stuckert stated considering a recommendation has not been made by this Committee it is within their rights to consider the third applicant as well. Mr. Berlage recommended that members forward their recommendation to him via email so that the results could be compiled and forwarded to the County Commissioners for the Committee's recommendation.

**c. Vote on By-Laws**

Ms. Stuckert stated the by-laws have been reviewed by legal and are ready to be voted on today. Ms. Stuckert recommended that two meetings be held yearly in October and May as one annual meeting is not enough to gather proper updates on all the different users of the property. The Committee agreed. The Committee

reviewed the by-laws and made minor amendments. ***Dr. Paul made a motion to approve the by-laws with amendment and forward those to the County Commissioners for approval and Ms. Patti seconded. The motion passed by a 7-0 vote.*** Ms. Stuckert stated she would advise the members of the County Commissioners agenda date.

**IV. Miscellaneous**

Ms. Patti gave a brief overview on a possible power plant being placed on the Elms property stating no official plans have been made.

Ms. Rochow gave a brief update on the programs at the Education Center including work on the bathroom, a new tent, the permit process for the greenhouse, etc.

Ms. Moreland gave an overview of the razing of the houses stating this should begin in August or September and the houses should be gone by October.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.