



Regular section business meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by President Jerry Payne with 61 members present.
[Quorum has been established.](#)

2007 SECTION BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Healy):

Minutes of the 2007 business meeting were distributed with the agenda. Members were given an opportunity to review the minutes. [Robert Langford moved to approve minutes as submitted.](#) [Motion seconded by Paul Loeffler.](#) [Motion carried unanimously.](#)

TREASURER'S REPORT (Moen):

The treasurer's report and associated handouts were distributed with the agenda and reviewed by Moen.

Current Balances as of (8/31/08):

TSSRM General Fund	\$28,649.14
TSSRM Endowment Fund	\$44,647.44
TSSRM MSF	\$63,356.89
TSSRM Bill Wyche MSF	\$51,553.56
TSSRM YAC Endowment Fund	\$15,001.00

- [Financial Audit was completed by Bill Connor, Audit Coordinator, and Hampton Pratkanis of Frost Bank.](#) [Everything was found to be in order.](#)

[Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as submitted by Kim Stine.](#) [Motion seconded by Charles Anderson.](#) [Motion carried unanimously.](#)

Payne recognized Healy, Moen and Goodwin for their service to the Section and Society and asked the members to thank them for their efforts.

- **2008 Annual Meeting:** *Mike Stellbauer* – meeting is going well so far. If you have any questions, please contact one of us. Payne appreciated everyone coming to Nacogdoches.
- **2009 Annual Meeting:** *Melony Sikes* would like to have everyone mark their calendars for October 7-9, 2009 to attend next year's meeting in Beaumont. Johanna Pate and Wes Newman are the co-chairs. Sikes would also like to have Rebecca Woodland, Beaumont CVB, come forward to formally invite everyone to Beaumont.
- **2010 Annual Meeting:** *Bill Pinchak* would like report that the hotel has been reserved and the local chairs have been selected. Look forward to everyone being there.

Informational Committee Reports attached to the agenda (no action required): Newsletter (deadlines for each issue); Website; Membership; and Planning Committee report on new annual meeting host city selection process.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Nominations and Elections (Rector):** Barron not here yet, so the report was given by President Payne. It was an excellent slate and very close election. We appreciate everyone being considered for the ballot. Matt Wagner is the new 2nd VP; Kent Ferguson and Diaz Murray are the new Directors.
- **Texas Native Lands Alliance (Anderson):** Anderson reviewed the history of the Native Lands Alliance, membership, and the current efforts. . First organizational meeting was held at Lake Buchanan about 4 months ago with 18 partner organizations represented. Since then, our member organizations have utilized TNLA to respond to one legislative issue and two



new programs. GLCI submitted a request to develop a statewide media campaign to 1) increase public awareness of the multiple values of Texas native lands, and 2) increase landowner awareness of the information and assistance available to them. TSSRM has asked for assistance to help plan and conduct a statewide prescribed burning symposium – to date 4 partners are interested in helping. Thus, we have been busy.

- Payne indicates it is an exciting effort.
- Statewide Prescribed Burn Symposium – Jeff Goodwin report. We are in the initial stages of development. Initial invitation letter has been sent out. Currently we have 5 partners interested in working on the symposium.
- **Newsletter report** from Jeff Goodwin. The May/June issue was written entirely by ranchers, and is has been well received.
- **Website** has changed over to the SRM webserver, and is up and running. Natalie Wolff has volunteered from
- **Youth Range Workshop** report was given by Barron Rector. The 54th YRW was held in June with 34 delegates. We had 16 staff presenting at the workshop. We have selected the HSYF delegates for the national meeting – Robert Buchholz and Laura Ann Stocker. The 2009 meeting will be a week later than this year. Payne encouraged everyone to spend a day or the week at the YRW and see what happens there. We certainly appreciate their efforts.
- **Young Professionals Conclave** report given by Rob Cook. Payne is excited by getting the young members involved. Corey Owens developed the Biological Control and Patch Burning draft fliers. Dusty Crow developed the flexible grazing worksheet. Anyone with ideas for other topics, please contact me. Rob also reminded everyone about the Young Professionals program on Friday morning with 5 presentations.
- **Lindi Clayton reported on the Memorial Scholarship Fund's Silent Auction.** We have several nice items, bidding is now open, and will go through the start of the banquet.

OPEN MIKE SESSION:

- **Ray Schimcek** reported that TSSRM was a meeting sponsor on the 1st Annual Quail Study Group. 125 people attended last Thursday's meeting room session. 55 people attended the field session on Friday.
- **Ernest Fish** made a couple of announcements regarding Texas Tech University – **Ron Sosebee** officially retired last December (now officially professor emeritus). **Rob Cox** has filled this position. Also, June 1st, **Phil Anderson** became Department Chair.

REPORT FROM PARENT SOCIETY (Ken Johnson): I sure appreciate your Texas hospitality. My background – grew up on a farm in Kentucky, which is still in the family. I retired from Kentucky NRCS in December and started this new position 18 days ago. While there is not a lot of rangeland in Kentucky where I grew up, I share the resource concerns you also have. SRM's role should be to provide things that you cannot provide locally. My contact information is now on the website, please call or email anytime. There is a steep learning curve, but I am excited to be working with SRM.

TSSRM PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Jerry Payne): President Payne delivered his President's report, including the following notes:

- We need to do a better job of telling our story – if others see our passion; they will not only see us but join us. I am really impressed with TNLA and the folks working on this on behalf of the section.
- We have to work harder to work with agencies and stay within the agency rules.
- One of my pet peeves is people coming to the meeting and not attending the section business meeting. Another pet peeve is folks coming to the meeting and not attending the technical sessions.
- These meetings should be a family affair, and we need to encourage our kids to be involved.
- Lastly, I would like to thank my wife Doris for all her support and have her recognized for being a life member. Doris and I traveled to 25 meetings, traveling 5600 miles
- Thank you to everyone who has worked on the committees and at the informational booth. It has been fun to serve as President and to travel representing you.

Melony **Sikes** came forward to present the recognition plaques to the outgoing directors and president. Philip Wright was presented his plaque, and will take Bob Lyons' plaque also. Sikes presented Payne with the Past President's plaque.



**Texas Section
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**Meeting Minutes
Section Annual Business Meeting
October 10, 2008
Fredonia Hotel, Nacogdoches TX**

Paul Loeffler was asked to give a report on Jenny Pluhar and her health. Bob Lyons came for the board meeting, but was not able to stay for the entire meeting – his wife passed away recently. Jerry Payne gave a report on Harold Wiedemann's health.

Bill Pinchak came forward to discuss 2009 committee appointments, and to get more people involved in the section operations. Folks, please sign up for these committees – there will be a sign up sheet at the booth. It will be a very open process and encourage everyone to

Being no further business, the section annual business meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Thank you for attending and participating in the meeting.

Bruce S. Healy, Secretary