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MINUTES OF ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The Ethician Foundation Board will meet at 9 a.m. on November 24, 2021 at Pelican II at our Institute for Strategic Biospheric Studies.

The meeting was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by GHR. Quorum of board members present:

SBR, board member Suzanne B. Russell

GHR, President, George H Russell

MAR, Secretary Margaret A Russell

Proxy of GAR granted in writing to SBR George A Russell

JRM, board member Jane Russell McCullah

Guest Advisors: MZ and KKZ Mike & Kristi Zeltner

Guest: Max Russell Shurgot

GHR moved to approve minutes from 2020.

SBR seconds

Minutes approved unanimously

JRM moves to accept the Report of 2021 activities

SBR seconded

Report of 2021 activities adopted into the record unanimously

As follows:

REPORT OF 2021 ACTIVITIES

The annual meeting of The Ethician Foundation is combined with the

annual meeting of the adjunct Universal Ethician Church. The Foundation manages the Church properties while the Church is involved in spiritual issues largely associated with the protection of what religious people of all faiths call: GOD'S HOLY CREATION.

Our Foundation and Church continue to be harassed, threatened, and the subject of CRIMINAL VANDALISM IN CONTEMPT OF COURT.

In regard to the malicious destruction of Church and Consecrated natural areas, the crimes constitute FEDERAL HATE CRIMES in our opinion.

Tragically, our local Board Member, Karen Lee Russell was "murdered" just before Easter and we buried her on Easter Sunday. As such, we lost an essential part of our foundation and church's ability to continue in operation beyond my lifetime.

Therefore, we have been attempting to interest The Texas Historical Commission into taking possession of our 15 museums. Sadly, the new director is not a Texan and showed zero interest in our museums and our world class collections of Texas Furniture and Texas Stoneware.

The potential transfer of our Wildlife Sanctuaries and Botanical Preserves has attracted the attention of Texas Parks and Wildlife as a possible addition to their park inventory as a low impact STATE NATURAL AREA.

POSITIVES:

A. EDUCATION

By having expert botanists and wildlife specialists on the TPWD staff, there would be opportunities to educate the public about the positive economic and ecological benefits of protecting native plant and animal communities.

B. PROTECTION

Currently, our archaeological sites, are under constant threat from trespassers and the illegal collection of fossil wood and Native American Artifacts from our properties. The local Game Wardens not only refuse to arrest persons

committing crimes on our properties, including poaching, they also refuse to investigate and demand the return of stolen artifacts. State Parks have their own "police" and thus the assets would be much better protected rather than us relying on the local Sheriff and/or Game wardens. Our 6.7 million dollar World Class Tree Arbor, in Waterwood, was maliciously and irreparably harmed by WIA in contempt of court. It is highly unlikely that the HOA would maliciously damage TPWD assets and thus more likely that sensitive plants and animals would be protected by TPWD.

C. PRESCRIBED FIRE:

When we burn on behalf of fire dependent species and to remove dangerous fuel levels, we are constantly under pressure by the adjacent HOA and by people negative about the benefits of our burns. This makes our work very stressful. To be able to burn TPWD in conjunction with The Texas Forest Service would be able to burn safely without being harassed.

D. PRIMITIVE CAMPING AND HIKING:

In order for people to be able to enjoy low impact hiking and camping, TPWD is capable of establishing primitive camp sites and also maintaining our current trail (aka fire lanes) and also building a team of volunteers that could keep the trails open and safe.

E. CANOEING AND KAYAKING:

Currently jet skis, and motor boats invade extremely sensitive areas on TRA streams, including rookeries. This year, vandals were spotlighting along our shores in the middle of the night, shooting alligators and harassing Roseate Spoonbills that had returned to their rookery along with several other species of birds. The harassment of the birds caused the rookery to be abandoned. TPWD would be in a position to work with the Trinity River Authority to make certain streams off limits to all boats during nesting season and limit visitation to canoes and kayaks during less sensitive times of the year.

F. ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION:

TPWD is in a much better position than our foundation in scientifically exploring our two official Archaeological Landmarks by inviting archaeologists from the University of Texas, Texas

State San Marcos and Texas A&M to conduct explorative investigations in areas that are believed to have evidence of occupation by the first Texans.

G, RESTORATION OF RED-COCKADED WOODPECKER HABITAT:

TPWD in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can plan and carry out the thinning of our Pine Plantation to provide RCW foraging habitat.

H. LONGLEAF PINE RESTORATION:

TPWD in conjunction with the Texas Forest Service would have the ability to restore our Longleaf Pine acreage with seedlings grown from seeds from our local gene pool.

I. VISITOR CENTER and MUSEUM:

The infrastructure for a visitor's center and museum is already in place along with three historic Texas log buildings. We do not have the staff or funds to develop an entry point and ability to handle an influx of visitors. TPWD has many years of experience in managing visitors.

J. LONG TERM PROTECTION OF THE ECOSYSTEM:

My wife and I are both 76 years old and with Karen gone, there is no local 'next generation' to take over management of the properties. That being said, TPWD will not cease to exist in any foreseeable future and thus the bird, animal and native plant communities have a better chance of long term survival under TPWD oversight and management by expert environmentalists, well beyond our lifetimes.

K. TRANSITION:

We are currently working with TPWD to plan for a potential transition from Ethician Foundation ownership (and Universal Ethician Church properties) managed by The Ethician Foundation to TPWD.

Thus, the question is? Does our Board favor continuing to work with TPWD to determine a path for the transfer of our properties to
Would anyone wish to make a motion that the Ethician Foundation and the Ethician Church pursue the transfer to TPWD for the establishment of a State Natural Area with firm legal protections to insure the "perpetual" survival of the ecosystems involved?

REPORT TO THE BOARD

THE BAD NEWS

This last year turned out to be very stressful due to COVID and the fact that our source of income that sustains our Foundation and our Church is largely derived from rental income.

Although we had only evicted around 3 sets of tenants in 40 years, the fact that the government took that option away from us, many tenants decided that they did NOT have to pay rent and then out of boredom did well over \$200,000 in damages to our properties and in one case over \$75,000 in damages alone on one property, with the tenant not having paid rent for around two years.

One tenant, after paying zero for at least a year threw a check into our offices, having harassed our female staff multiple times, for

ONE DOLLAR and said, "HERE IS YOUR RENT".

1700 Ave. S.

Then known druggies and arsonists invaded our \$600K house at 1700 Avenue S, with the blessing of the Chief of Police and eventually set the house on fire, causing the meth lab in the basement to blow up. No arrests were ever made although the police had been called repeatedly about criminals camping out in the woods behind the house and running amok in the neighborhood.

Criminal activity is on the rise and neither the Police, Sheriff, Game Wardens or any other law enforcement will do anything about the crimes which include but were not limited to:
1845 HARRELL PLANTATION HOUSE MUSEUM

Door kicked in twice this month and we are having to move the contents to another more secure museum after having kicked in multiple times over the years without help except once.

PREVOST MOTOR HOME

Electric cables stolen for the third time, window broken, batteries stolen. Sheriff knows where the stolen goods are sold yet refuses to do anything about it.

GAME/SECURITY CAMERAS

Eight of our Game/Security Cameras were stolen in the past year including cameras with photos of the thieves, and despite giving the Sheriff copies of the photos and the names, address, and phone number of the thieves, the Sheriff refuses to bring our cameras back..

STEAMBOAT

FEMA promised to provide funds to restore the damages to the steamboat from Hurricane Harvey. Subsequently the steamboat was stripped of all valuables including a WWI spotlight, ship compass, and copper wiring etc. FEMA then cancelled all 16 of our projects that they were going to pay for and churned the money internally. The FEMA Inspector General, Congressman Kevin Brady, and Senator Ted Cruz were asked for help and they don't care.

FIRE LANES

FEMA promised to pay for rock to restore fire lanes washed out by

Harvey and then after we spent a small fortune out of pocket refused to reimburse our Foundation.

FURNITURE MUSEUM ROOF

FEMA promised to pay for a new roof damaged by Harvey so while waiting for the money the roof was leaking onto art and other items in the museum. So we had to spend around \$100K for a new roof, and then FEMA lied and refused to reimburse us.

SHORELINE

We began to clean up Harvey debris along the shores of our sanctuaries under FEMA supervision. When we asked for reimbursement for our considerable expenses, FEMA reneged. We took many trailer loads to the dump and paid out of pocket. There is a large pile of tires and wheels stacked outside our Foundation Tractor Barn, and FEMA refuses to pay to have them dumped.

INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC BIOSPHERIC STUDIES RESEARCH CENTER

We had to replace the almost new roof due to high winds from Harvey. FEMA sent two large men out to inspect the new roof that had been leak proof and stomped all over it. I could hear the metal snapping from their weight and stomping. Now it is covered with a tarp and FEMA refuses to pay as promised.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

Our extremely important Clovis/pre-Clovis archaeological site was invaded at least twice. Our cameras took photos of the criminals, but the Game Warden refused to investigate or take actions to have our stolen artifacts returned. We have no idea how many artifacts that they dug up but left piles of the ones that they didn't want. The most expensive Clovis Projectile Point sold for around \$250K so we will never know what they dug up and stole.

PALMETTO CREEK

Palmetto Creek is a source of fossil wood and Indian artifacts and has been repeatedly invaded by criminals with the approval of Game Warden Melissa Brown who claims that the stream with 2 inch deep water is navigable and thus open to the public to do anything they wish in spite of the fact that IF technically navigable under some obscure Spanish Law, it is still a violation of law gather the fossils and artifacts. We have photos of intruders yesterday, 23 November 2021.

POACHERS AND OTHER TRESPASSERS

When we tried to post" our property with purple paint stripes in accordance with State Law, WIA, the HOA threatened me with 124 years in jail and a \$103,500 fine for attempting to keep our property safe. If there are no posted signs, law enforcement won't arrest trespassers. Just this week, trespassers and poachers were caught on our property, but the Game Warden DID want them charged because they had killed a deer. There is no interest protecting Bald Eagles, Alligator Snapping Turtles, Canebrake Rattlesnakes, Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers, Red Wolves, Coyotes, Cougars, Bobcats or any other wild animal that is not a White-tailed Deer.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN and AFRICAN AMERICAN ART, HISTORY, and CULTURE

The door was recently kicked in and our security camera took video but the police were not interested in finding and arresting the criminal. Later a tree limb fell on the roof and knocked a "hot" power line down onto the driveway. ENTERGY was called repeatedly yet refused to remove the danger until over two months later: September 3, 2021 – November 5, 2021, when they finally removed the hazard.

MUSEUM OF DECORATIVE AND UTILITARIAN ART

A hail storm knocked over 100 holes in the fiberglass skylights.

We have repaired some but are overwhelmed with plumbing problems from the major freeze.

MUSEUM OF GENE-0-CIDE and THE ENVIRONMENTAL HOLOCAUST

We still don't have a working toilet in this museum due to the freeze, and FEMA lied about damages to the dam, the roads, and the buildings and thus refused to pay as promised.

WIA/HOA ORGANIZED CRIME

WIA has committed millions of dollars in HATE CRIMES against our Church and against our Foundation in CONTEMPT OF COURT out of their hatred of us for refusing to sell out to the billionaires that attempted to purchase our properties to construct the third Disney City.

WATERWOOD PARKWAY

We were forced to sell WIA our four-lane sections of Waterwood Parkway along with the rare Longleaf Pines and over 130 species of native plants with the promise to protect and preserve the native plants and to never again harass us with frivolous lawsuits, terroristic threats of life imprisonment, and shootings.

We had agreed to give up \$3 million of the value of the parkway, based on WIA's commitment to leave us alone, protect our properties, and cease and desist from further HATE CRIMES.

The most malicious act to date was the destruction of hundreds of thousands of blooming wildflowers on God's Garden Parkway the day after we buried our murdered daughter Karen.

FOUNDATION BEACH HOUSE

Over a year ago, a criminal invaded our properties, targeted Foundation Beach House and shot it up. Although the crime was investigated by the Game Wardens and Sheriff, IT WAS NEVER REPORTED, ACCORDING TO THE SHERIFF, AND So

OFFICIALLY, NEVER HAPPENED. The Sheriff even lied to the Attorney General and told him that there have been ZERO CRIMES against our Foundation, Church or our persons in over 20 years.

TIMBER THEFT:

A very scientifically valuable old growth Short-leaf pine was stolen from one of our preserves. The "timber theft" authorities asked the thief if he had sold the tree and he said "no", so. I was told it was not technically "timber theft",

The WIA and WIA's attorney extorted \$300 out of our attorney, Hans Barcus, because they said it cost them that much to cut up and remove and oak tree that had fallen. The tree with its valuable firewood was stolen and I'm sure sold for firewood.

Now wIA and WIA's obviously unethical attorney is attempting to defraud our Foundation out of \$750 for stealing another firewood oak tree that had fallen on Doral.

And now WIA is harassing me in contempt of court about other trees in our sanctuaries.

THE GOOD NEWS:

RED-WOLF GHOST ALLELES

It is believed that remnant Red Wolf genes exist in our wild canid hybrid population.

The University of St. Marys, San Antonio, is studying our animals but unfortunately COVID has delayed further research.

ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLES

University of Houston Clear Law has been studying our Alligator Snapping Turtles. They trap them humanely, weigh and measure them and do ultra

sound on the females to be able to count the eggs and then release them where they had been caught.

CHICKEN TURTLES

Another team from the University of Houston has been attempting to determine if we have a Chicken Turtle population. But we have yet to learn the results.

KRISTI ZELTNER "500" PALEO SITE

Kristi Zeltner discovered a very important Clovis and perhaps Pre-Clovis site on our latest purchase.

So far, we have collected nearly 10,000 fire hardened clay "balls" from about 10,000 years before pattern came to East Texas.

We believe that this site will add to the scientific evidence that humans have inhabited East Texas long before the "Clovis People".

REPLACEMENT OF KAREN ON THE BOARD

Karen was instrumental to the transition of The Ethician Foundation beyond our lifetimes. Only Karen was local and was totally willing to take on the challenges of taking on the responsibilities of managing our foundation after our deaths or inability to manage them.

Therefore, we need to find a person capable of lending her/his years of expertise to the challenge and thus ask that Board Members, and associates help us come up with the names of persons that we could ask to take Karen's place on the Board.

My suggestion is that we might ask Andy Sansom to take on that challenge but there may be other possibilities.

Therefore, please provide us with the names of persons that may be educationally, and ethically on board with the philosophy of The Ethician Foundation.

My first name on the list is Andy Sansom and thus, if our current board is on board, then I would like to hear from the board if we should ask Andy if he is willing to serve.

Otherwise, please come up with some other potential names of possible replacement board members to take Karen's place on the board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

If none then moving toward the conclusion. If these are the only major areas of business to deal with in this meeting, then with no further business, I suggest that we adjourn.

George H Russell, President

End

JRM asked some clarifying questions about how the transfer to TPWD might work. GHR offered this additional information:

The transfer would be per a 99 year lease for \$20K/mo., to include the 1,000 acres of church land and the 2,000 acres of foundation land. We might carve out the 500 acre parcel. The visitor's center would require removal of religious artifacts and symbols and deconsecration.

David Zeller would be a good source for advising on primitive camping. Visitors would sign in at the center and then proceed to campsites.

The rock outcrops and collapsed rock shelter of the 151 acre tract by Poole Creek is the site of the First Texans (native Americans).

Our long leaf pine gene pool is unique and seeds have been harvested by Alto Forest Service. They have exchanged seeds with baby plants donated back that were propagated from those seeds.

JRM voiced a concern over the 1 acre family cemetery being transferred. It is amidst what would be park land, but she requested a carve out for the grave sites and pyramids. GHR said that would be difficult. In fact, all

cemeteries pose issues. The Veterans' Cemetery has been closed to new burials. Our green cemeteries are the first in Texas and the 3rd in the US. We have the first green Veterans' cemetery in the world.

The TPWD would be able to monitor creeks (Palmetto Creek) and better protect alligator snapping turtles.

GHR asked for a motion to pursue meetings with TPWD to plan to transition property to the state via talks with Carter Smith and Andy Sampson.

MAR made such a motion. SBR seconded the motion. The vote was taken and passed.

GHR made a motion to purchase one electric side by side if we have the funds (12K) to be used for security patrols. He asked Mike Zeltner to research models in the market (Polaris).

JRM seconded.

The motion passed unanimously.

No other business was noted.

MAR moved to adjourn meeting.

JRM seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Signed,


Margaret Anne Russell