

Minutes
The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society, Inc.
October 22, 2016

The business meeting was called to order at the Community Education Building at Louisiana State University in Eunice, LA at 1 pm on October 22, 2016, by Brian S. Early.

Malcolm Vidrine presented 'The October Cajun Prairie Garden: A Fuel Stop for Monarchs Heading to Mexico.'

Old Business:

Malcolm Vidrine provided minutes from the previous meeting. Patricia Lewis moved for the acceptance of the minutes, and Chris Naquin seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a unanimous vote.

Patricia Lewis provided a treasurer's report. Charles Allen motioned for acceptance of the report. Celeste Gomez seconded the motion. The report was accepted by a unanimous vote.

New Business:

Patricia Lewis motioned that \$500/couple be set as Lifetime Membership dues to the Society. The motion was seconded by Tricia Hunt. The motion was tabled for vote at the next meeting.

Brian asked for a nomination for the Charles M. Allen Award for Outstanding Volunteer from Louisiana (a clear plaque with suitable inscriptions) in the preservation and restoration of prairies as sponsored by the Coastal Prairie Partnership and the Cajun Prairie Habitat Restoration Society. Charles Allen nominated Chris Reid. Stephen Nevitt seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously supported.

Brian asked for a nomination for the State Grass. Three plants were placed into nomination: (nominations are still open)

Chasmantium latifolium—Inland Sea Oats,



Saccharum giganteum—Sugarcane Plumegrass,



and *Andropogon gerardii*—Big Bluestem.



A vote will be taken with a Doodle Poll.

Brian reported on the progress at the Episcopal High School in Youngsville prairie restoration project. Patricia Lewis motioned that the society provide a one-time \$1000 grant to the school for the prairie restoration project—a 'state of the prairie project' report would be required for review for an additional year of funds. Celeste Gomez seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted.

Charles Allen announced the continuation of the seed collecting agreement with Marc Pastorek for another year. No contest followed.

Brian presented the nomination slate for new officers:

President—Margaret Frey
Vice-President—Stephen Nevitt
Secretary—Malcolm Vidrine
Treasurer—Patricia Lewis

Charles Allen motioned to accept the slate of new officers. Patricia Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Patricia Lewis presented a letter with invoices from the Kenneth Pitre Law Offices for work done in 2008 regarding the donation of property to the City of Eunice. Brian moved this matter to a new committee to be led by Margaret Frey.

Brian acknowledged Margaret Frey's efforts to set up this meeting and coordinate the meeting with the Eunice Louisiana Festival. The society provided an education-oriented booth at the festival.

Brian also created and introduced a new brochure and pamphlet that was available. Republishing these are under consideration by the society.

Charles Allen motioned that the next meeting be held on April 8th, 2017. Tom Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was accepted unanimously.

With no further business at hand, Charles Allen motioned for adjournment, and Tricia Hunt seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Margaret Frey.

Respectfully submitted
Malcolm F. Vidrine, Ph.D., Secretary