

AGENDA:

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MINUTES

of the

WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING

October 12, 1999

THE STATE OF TEXAS)(

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON)(

BE IT REMEMBERED that at 9:30 a.m. on this the 12th day of October A.D., 1999, there was begun and holden a REGULAR SESSION of the Commissioners Court of Williamson County, Texas, the following members being present, to-wit:

Absent - JOHN C. DOERFLER, County Judge
Absent - MICHAEL L. HEILIGENSTEIN, Commissioner, Precinct 1
GREGORY W. BOATRIGHT, Commissioner, Precinct 2
DAVID S. HAYS, Commissioner, Precinct 3
FRANKIE LIMMER, Commissioner, Precinct 4
EUGENE D. TAYLOR, County Attorney
NANCY E. RISTER, County Clerk
DAVID U. FLORES, County Auditor

AGENDA ITEM # 1

October 12, 1999

Hear any interested person and consider forming the next agenda or adding items to today's agenda

Mr. Darrell Champeau from Cedar Park addressed the court regarding Hog Farm Park.

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*To manage and
conserve the natural
and cultural resources
of Texas for the use and
enjoyment of present
and future generations.*

October 7, 1999

Mr. Darrell Champeau
805 Hall Street
Cedar Park, Texas 78613

Dear Mr. Champeau:

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the management of the Hog Farm Tract in Williamson County. As you may know, our staff has been following the public access, security, and environmental issues and making suggestions to the county officials for improvements. I believe we are seeing progress in the management efforts to implement general public access. Staff will continue to track these efforts.

It is heartening to see citizens take an active role in their area parkland. Throughout Texas, public parks and their managers can only benefit from citizen partners and their watchfulness and constructive public input. Thank you for taking your time to advise the department on these important issues.

Sincerely,

Andrew Sansom
Executive Director

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cc: Honorable John C. Doerfler

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I received a letter from Andrew Samson of TxP&W dated Oct 7th calling me a citizen partner and to stay watchful Whom am I to Watch? The letter says his staff is 'making suggestions to the County officials for improvements' The park has been closed for the past four weeks except on weekends when the Y needs it for the benefit of their clients The reason given by Greg Boatright in a note to me says the Duckweed spraying required closing it for the County residents safety A family with small children live rent free in that park and were not evacuated This families father works for the YMCA on the programs in the park for the Y's clients These ponds are formed by Buttercup and Cluck creeks

To poison these creeks struck me as ir-responsible So I checked with a real Parks expert that controls over 30 parks Magi at Round Rock Parks and Recreation department I asked what is used to kill Duckweed and was it dangerous to use She gave me these 11 pages of reports from the manufacture of the herbicide glyphosate used for that purpose Monsanto safety data states "respiratory protection is not required under normal handling and use conditions no significant skin concern does not present significant eye irritation or toxicity exposure to the herbicide not expected to produce significant adverse human health effects harmless to rabbits, rats, bluegills, trout, carp, shrimp, crab, ducks and honey bees

THE ONLY DANGER IS APPARENTLY TO WHAT IS CALLED "A NON MEMBER OF THE YMCA" to whom it is toxic! Paying dues to the Y is the only antidote

The brand name is Rodeo The chemical is glyphosate and it probably is the chemical used as it was recommended by another Parks department as the YMCA has no experience running a park They used this same park for years before this court gave them control of it Call 1-800-234-9792 for the true scoop

Don't listen to the bull the YMCA tells this court through some of it's members Their must be some of you that can see that the agenda of the YMCA is to turn this County park into a YMCA camp members only! The YMCA is retreating with baby steps from the hard stand it took several months ago I expect every ploy will be used by them baby steping one issue at a time hoping I die in the meantime They will only Really back-off if pushed with the irresistible force of government or Courts This is one of them

Don't let them call it a YMCA park. Please authorize a sign reading Williamson County Park. That is a first step.. a constant reminder they don't own the park A sign calling it a YMCA park does just the opposite. Darrell Champeau cc Andrew Samson and others

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AGENDA ITEM # 2October 12, 1999

Read and approve the minutes of the last meeting.

Moved: Commissioner Hays

Seconded: Commissioner Limmer

Motion: To approve the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 1999.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 0

AGENDA ITEM # 3October 12, 1999

Hear County Auditor concerning invoices and bills submitted for payment and take appropriate action including, but not limited to approval for payment provided said items are found by the County Auditor to be legal obligations of the County.

Moved: Commissioner Hays

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To authorize the payment of \$ 1,494,504.68 in computer printout from the proper line items, if found by the County Auditor to be legal expenses as appropriated in the 1999/2000 County Budget.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 0

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