

**AGENDA ITEM 35**

Consider approving an agreement with Williamson County Conservation Foundation, Inc. regarding mitigation of endangered species.

Commissioner Hays explained that a conservation foundation board with three members would be appointed by the Commissioners' Court to oversee the cave protection plan for Williamson County. The county and the state would fund the foundation.

Charlie Crossfield stated that the Texas Transportation Authority has 3.2 million dollars that would be turned over to the foundation for mitigation. The court would decide how much of the money would be used for parks and how much would stay in the foundation for acquisition of mitigation property and for preservation and maintenance of the caves.

Charlie Crossfield asked Judge Doerfler to put an item on the September 24, 2002 agenda to appoint board members.

Moved: **Commissioner Hays**

Seconded: **Judge Doerfler**

Motion: To approve an agreement with Williamson County Conservation Foundation, Inc., regarding mitigation of endangered species.

Vote: **3 – 0. Commissioner Limmer was absent from the dais.**

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