

MINUTES

Grafton Heritage Partnership Project Meeting WEDNESDAY JULY 6, 2022, at 5:00 P.M., Rockville Town Hall

Attendance

GHPP Board Members:

Jane Whalen, President
Jack Burns, Vice President
Therese Feinauer, Treasurer
Shirley Ballard
Jim Harland
Anne Stanworth
Sherri Rybkiewicz

Visitors:

Vicki Bell Town of Rockville
Justin Maybe, Rockville resident

MINUTES:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jane called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jim made a motion to approve the minutes, and Therese seconded, and it was approved unanimously.

3. TREASURER REPORT

Therese reported from January 1 through July 6, 2022, Income from the donation box was \$2,017, donations \$4,001, Attiyeh foundation \$10,000, and annual rental gravel property \$2400 for a total income of \$16,000. Expenses: maintenance \$5,700, professional fees, website and taxes \$1314, Insurance \$1820 among other expenses, for total expenses of \$16,503.

4. REVIEW 2021 INCOME AND EXPENSES

Jane reviewed GHPP taxes for 2021. Income, \$7,749 donation box, donations of \$14,849, rental Income of \$2400, among other Income, for a total income of \$31,435. Expenses, maintenance \$4740, professional fees, and insurance, brochures, among other expenses, total expenses of \$14,061. We put \$30,000 into our Vanguard account endowment fund. At year-end, we had \$142,567 in our Vanguard account.

5. UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE OF GRAFTON

Jane explained that Bevin Johnson is cleaning out the buildings so they are clean for the visitors. He is also, controlling the spread of an invasive weed, scotch thistle, in the floodplain. Brock Wright completed adobe patching on the two buildings. The schoolhouse and Russell Home roofs were oiled. A large window pane was broken in the schoolhouse had to be fixed

6. OTHER BUSINESS

The San Diego Field Station of the USGS Western Ecological Research Center conducted a field study in southwest Utah, with a focus on the endangered least Bell's vireo. Their goal in this year's effort is to use population genomic techniques to delineate the range limit between the least Bell's vireo and its conspecific geographical neighbor, the Arizona Bell's vireo. They will be collecting blood samples

from vireos throughout the desert region in California, Arizona, Nevada, and Utah with the goal of providing a taxonomic classification of individuals sampled where the two subspecies meet. The results of their study will build on an ongoing U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service-funded "State of the Birds" study that focuses on determining population genetic structure within *V. b. pusillus*.

They requested permission to access the riparian habitat in the Virgin River at Grafton (parcel number: R-1282-A-1) for the purposes of collecting genetic material from vireos. Genetic sampling will be conducted April to July 2022 by members of my staff and will entail capturing vireos with a mist net, collecting blood, morphometrics, and release. Vireo surveys will be conducted by a member of my staff and will entail walking in or along the river during the morning hours to search for birds to sample. Our work is confined entirely to the riparian corridor, and we would not be entering any other part of your property.

7. ADJOURNED at 6:00

Minutes Prepared by
Therese Feinauer

APPROVED:

Jane Whalen
Jane Whalen, President

The foregoing minutes were posted in the cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by Vicki S. Bell on December 16, 2022, at approximately 10:00 AM/PM and on the Utah Public Network and Rockville websites.

Vicki S. Bell