



2020 Annual Membership Meeting

December 9, 2020

Meeting conducted and recorded via zoom: 6PM CST

In attendance: Dorreen Carey, Melli Hoppe, Carol Sue Angarola, Eve Wierzbicki, Sophia Arshad, Lynn Duttlinger, Scott Bozik, Vernon Beck, Susan Kirt, Ryan Metz and Executive Director, Natalie Johnson

- I. Melli Hoppe, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm via Zoom, welcomed the Board and attendees, and introduced Natalie Johnson, Executive Director. Natalie Johnson, Executive Director, introduced the staff.
- II. Board of Directors Business: Vern Beck made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes. All approved and the motion carried. Vern Beck made a motion to approve the 2020 Treasurer's Report. All approved and the motion carried.
- III. Board Member Re-Election & Membership Vote: Melli Hoppe introduced the Board Members up for re-election. Ann Buell moved for the re-election of Vern Beck, Scott Bozik, Lynn Duttlinger, and Paul Labus as Board Members. Shelley Mulconrey seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- IV. Presentation of Board Nominees & Membership Vote: Melli Hoppe explained the application process and introduced Maddie Grim as the candidate for the Board of Directors. Jenny Soffin moved for her election. Vern Beck seconded. All voted in favor and the motion passed.
- V. Membership Topic Discussion: Natalie Johnson shared that a formal presentation by staff was able to view online and released earlier in the week. Several questions were presented to the staff and updates were presented on conservation and advocacy work.
- VI. Guest Speaker: Ron Engel: Natalie Johnson introduced guest speaker, Ron Engel. Ron is the author of Sacred Sands. He gave a stirring presentation on the history and struggle to protect the dunes.
- VII. Presentation of Paul H. Douglas Award: Natalie Johnson presented the Paul H. Douglas Award to Michigan City Parks and Recs Assistant Superintendent, Shannon Eason. Shannon has been a longtime partner with Save the Dunes and has been



championing environmental work in groups such as the Trail Creek Watershed Partnership.

- VIII. Closing Remarks: Natalie Johnson provided closing remarks. The meeting ended at approximately 7:45 PM Central.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ryan Metz