

Meeting Notes
Dow Woods Trails and Restroom
February 10, 2010
USFWS Texas Mid-Coast NWR Complex Headquarters

In attendance:

- Billy Heck, TMN-COT Volunteer
- Shane Kasson, Manager SBNWR, USFWS
- Neal McLain, FOBWR Volunteer and Board Member
- Denis Mudderman, FOBWR Volunteer and Board Member
- Archie Pratt, TMN-COT Volunteer
- Kirby Rapstein, TMN-COT Volunteer
- Tom Schneider, Outdoor Recreation, USFWS

Discussed:

- **Northeast Trail Walkout.** Field walkout was completed by Ed Johnson, Kasson, McLain, Mudderman, Pratt and Schneider on 01/27/10. McLain and Mudderman have compiled data and created a waypoint map. Total measured length of main route = 4557 feet = 0.863 mile (including boardwalks on main route but excluding side paths and side boardwalks). Three or four short boardwalks and a viewing platform (with railing and bench) will be required.
- **Southeast Trail Walkout.** Field walkout was about 50% completed by Jones, Kasson, McLain, Mudderman, Pratt and Schneider on 02/10/10. McLain and Mudderman are compiling data and creating waypoint map. Several boardwalks may be required. Johnson, Pratt, and Schneider will complete the remaining walkout as weather and schedules permit.
- **Boardwalk Construction.** McLain recruited Heck and Rapstein to construct boardwalks. Discussion questions:
 - When should boardwalks be built -- before or after trail?
 - Who should build boardwalks?
 - Who should construct trail?Decision: we won't do anything until we have a better idea of trail and restroom pricing.
- **Restroom Construction.** McLain has completed specifications and submitted version 02-11-10 to USFWS staff for approval. Awaiting approval.

Action Items:

- **Northeast Trail Walkout.** Stake route in field and clear blockages (USFWS staff).
- **Southeast Trail Walkout.** Finish walkout (Schneider, Pratt, others TBA). Finish data compilation and waypoint map (McLain and Mudderman). Stake route in field and clear blockages (USFWS staff).
- **Boardwalk Construction.** Research potential contractors (Kasson, McLain, Pratt, Schneider) and prepare price estimates for:
 - Boardwalks constructed by volunteers
 - Boardwalks constructed by trail contractor
 - Trail if crushed granite.
 - Trail if concrete
- **Restroom Construction.** Review version 02-11-10 of specifications and either approve or return for revision (USFWS). Compile bidders list and submit for approval (McLain).

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