

The Seindensticker Crossing on the Guadalupe River is maintained by the Kendale County Road & Bridge Department. They are the ones who have extended the "No Parking" signs along the road with instructions from the Kendal County Commissioners.

It is my understanding that the signs were extended in both directions about one and a half months ago. The reason being given is that numerous cars were parking on the road and represented a hazard to emergency vehicles. I was also told that heavy equipment trucks were using the road extensively for a quarry in the area and having problems getting in and out.

I was told that numerous people spoke in favor of extending the signs. I was not given an exact list but they included the local Constables and even the representatives from the Waring Fire Department. The only person that spoke against the placement of the signs at that meeting was a Mr. Lanston who is the President of the Comfort Chamber of Commerce. He suggested that "No Parking" signs be placed on only one side of the road and that parking be allowed on the other side.

I have recently spoken with the following people on the placement of these No Parking Signs:

County Judge Eddie Vogt, I basically told him this was a poor policy to address accessing a Navigable River and reviewed with him the procedure to bring this up as an agenda item again at a future Commissioner's Meeting in terms of reversing or modifying this directive.

Terry Anderson – County Engineer. He was of the opinion that this was a done deal and there was nothing we could do about it as we had our chance at a Public Hearing. I told him I wanted to bring this back as an Agenda Item again and requested the following information:

1. Width of the Road
2. Width of the right a-way
3. The length of the "No Parking" signs extending in both directions

During the conversation he stated several times that information might not be available as this was an extremely old road. I told him I found that extremely hard to believe and we would need to submit any alternate proposals. Mr. Anderson also told me all he does is follow instructions from County Commissioners.

SOME THINGS I PICKED UP

There are plans to make improvements to this road. One would think that if the immediate Landowner would benefit from these improvements to this road, that the landowner would offer land for public parking or the County might make a suggestion to the effect. That suggestion does not appear to be immediately forthcoming.

There may be a Bond Proposal to be voted on in the fall in Kendal County for the acquisition of parkland. One would think with the passage of such a proposal that some portion of the money could be used for public parking at this point in the river. The feedback I got from the people I talked with was not very positive in terms of that happening. What we need is someone from the canoe circle in that area to submit such info.

WE ALL NEED TO GO TO THIS MEETING

The County Commissioners meet the 2nd & 4th Monday of the month in Boerne. If you want to be scheduled to speak before the commissioners you need to submit a Form the Wednesday before the meeting. The meetings normally begin at 9:00 am and can last all day. This could however be placed as an item of business at a specific time if a number of people were to want to appear.

I was told that if one wants to schedule this as an item that you should first talk with the commissioner whose Precinct the Bridge falls in. That would be Russel Busby, Precinct 4 and his number is 830-995-5080.

I think we should move in that direction with the goal of having a large number of people show up in late September or Early October. The intent would be to get this meeting listed in various Canoe Newsletters and at as many Websites as we can find, particularly in the Boerne area.

There are (4) county precincts in Boerne along with the County Judge that you can address your concerns and issues about this crossing. The mailing address's along with the location of where to pick up forms are all the same, which is as follows:

County Judge Eddie Vogt
201 East San Antonio Street
Boerne, Texas, 78009
830-249-9343
(Court House Number)

Precinct 1
John Kight
201 East San Antonio Street
Boerne, Texas, 78009
830-537-3722

Precinct 2
Gene Miertshin
201 East San Antonio Street
Boerne, Texas, 78009
830-249-9342

Precinct 3
Darrel Lux
201 East San Antonio Street
Boerne, Texas, 78009
830-336-2881

Precinct 4
Russel Busby
201 East San Antonio Street
Boerne, Texas, 78009
830-995-5080

Note: The Seindensticker Crossing is in his precinct.

Here are a list of some other players involved in this:

Kendale County Road & Bridge Department
Terry Anderson – County Engineer
201 East San Antonio Street
Boerne, Texas, 78006
830-249-9343

Kendale County Road & Bridge Department
Ricky Pfeiffer – Road Superintendent
12 Stout Street
Boerne, Texas, 78006
830-249-7502
830-249-5855 (FAX)

Over the years the Alamo City Rivermen (www.AlamoCityRivermen.Org) have been very proactive about this issue of "Accessibility" of Texas Navigable Waterways. The crossing at FM474 and the Guadalupe

came pretty close to being closed down a number of years ago as the TxDot was going to sell the low water crossing to the Landowner after the High Water Bridge was installed. A more recent example of the Alamo City Rivermen's activity would be at the Hwy 87 and the Llano River near Mason. Details and information about Hwy 87 and the Llano can be found at the website under the Listing of "Cattle Crossing" on the front page.

If the Hill Country Paddlers want to make this an issue the Alamo City Rivermen will most likely provide support in your cause, either with letters of support under Alamo City Rivemen letter head or encouraging our members to attend a public hearing if the matter goes that far.

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