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Hill Country Conservancy Announces Five New Additions to the Board of Directors

New members will broaden the board's set of experiences to help HCC engender a conservation ethic throughout the region and reach new and more diverse avenues for community engagement.

Austin, TX – Hill Country Conservancy is pleased to announce the appointment of five new board members, each of whom brings a unique perspective and set of experiences to further the organization's ability to protect Austin's and the surrounding Hill Country's natural resources and access to nature. These new additions bring the total number of board members to 24.

Joining the board are:

Michelle Dippel, Senior Vice President, South Central Texas Office Leader at HNTB, specializes in environmental planning and permitting, business operations and financial performance, and program and project management.

Rose Hargrave, Outgoing Mayor of City of Sunset Valley and owner of The Law Office of Rose Hargrave, brings extensive experience in government, law, fundraising, budgeting, and collaborative solutions.

Raasin McIntosh, Founder and Creative Director of Raasin in the Sun, has extensive experience in managing, producing, facilitating, and coordinating public art and place-making projects and community restoration and engagement initiatives.

Patrick Newman, Executive Director, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, holds a bachelor's degree in biology and a master's degree in public administration, and brings

a background in nonprofit leadership, real estate/land acquisition, and a deep network of conservation-minded professionals.

David Rockwood, VP of Community Relations, GSD&M, has extensive experience in marketing and communications, the entertainment industry, and community engagement.

“I look forward to partnering with our five new members, who will bring diverse expertise and fresh insights to our work,” said Brian Ott, Hill Country Conservancy Board Chair. “The addition of these talented new board members will bring new energy to our board, enhancing our ability to protect the beautiful Hill Country. In addition, I would like to thank the outgoing board members for their dedication and time spent accelerating the organization to the strong position in which we find ourselves today.”

The board officially approved the slate of new directors on December 15, 2020, and their three-year terms began on January 1, 2021. For more information about the organization, the board of directors, or latest news and events, visit www.HillCountryConservancy.org.

ABOUT HILL COUNTRY CONSERVANCY:

Hill Country Conservancy is a nonprofit land trust with a mission to preserve vital natural resources through conservation, community collaboration, and engagement to sustain our region now and forever. For more information, visit

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