

**Mojave National Preserve Conservancy Board Meeting**  
**August 16, 2022 Minutes**

In Attendance:

Gary Spiers, Michael Gordon, Chris Clarke, Luke Basulto, Britney Penouilh, Emily Buchi

Chris spoke to Mike Gauthier *regarding conditions in the preserve since recent monsoons*. He was reluctant to give a prediction on when things might be cleared up, and there are more storms to come. Pete Buttigieg is providing emergency funds for immediate repairs. There's a chance there will be a policy delay since the park didn't engineer the roads. Might be time to put some thought into where the roads should be. Complicated process, but making progress on the repairs that are straightforward. Cima road should be open soon. Joshua Tree has road wash and undercuts as of this afternoon. On the upside, the animals are thriving!

Luke regarding *planting Trees* - we haven't heard back from Drew yet. As far as we know, he still wants to do fall planting in November.

Gary has confirmed the dates we wanted to *reserve the campsite for the star party* with Drew. We still plan to have the star party in October. No progress has been made on the bylaws yet.

Britney will sync with Shaun regarding *which educators to invite to join us for the star party* (up to 8th grade in the past). Once details are solidified with Shaun and Emily, Britney will create a graphic to invite the educators.

*Emily will not be attending the star party*; however, she has offered to provide some examples of activities for educators, such as a scavenger hunt, identification keys, and constellation views. Create activities based on Shaun's handbook on the website.

Gary

Recalled there might have been tortoise shells, and tortoises to show kids and a hike before the star party.

Luke suggested meeting Emily at White Water in the next few weeks to brainstorm some talking points for the educators since.

Chris still expects to camp at Group Camp #1 in Joshua Tree on September 9-11