

**TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST GIDEON LINCECUM CHAPTER
BOARD MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2023
WINEDALE HISTORICAL CENTER
WINEDALE, TEXAS**

President Sheri Wilcox called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. There were 8 board members present with 2 additional attendees by telephone (total of 10). Attending in person were Sheri Wilcox President; VP, Norbert Dittrich; David Hessel Treasurer; Patti Brown, Secretary; with Directors, Chris Morrison, Membership; Karen Gardener, Education; Jaci Elliot, Volunteer Projects; and Connie Shortes, Training. Lori Buffum, Communications and Betsy Palkowsky, Past President, attended by telephone. Nita Tiemann, Hospitality Chair, also attended.

SHERI WILCOX – PRESIDENT

The April 29, 2022 Board minutes were reviewed. Chris Morrison moved that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The October 24, 2022 Board minutes were reviewed. Karen Gardner moved that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

BETSY PALKOWSKY – PAST PRESIDENT

Betsy led a discussion of proposed changes to the Chapter Operating Handbook. A revision incorporating the proposed changes will be circulated and discussed at the next Board meeting.

KEN ENGLISH - MARKETING DIRECTOR

Ken sent information about the Landowners Summit on January 12, 2023 through email to the entire chapter. Ken also reported there would be outreach events starting in February 2023. There will be emails detailing those opportunities in the coming weeks.

Ken will be recruiting chapter members to serve on a Scholarship Committee. Over the next year, the committee will evaluate the criteria for the scholarships to make sure that they align with the TMN mission.

DAVID HESSEL - TREASURER

David presented a proposed budget for 2023. The scholarship fund is the biggest expenditure each year. Following discussion, the Board decided to amend the proposed budget to reduce the scholarships to \$500 to comport with the projected income from the Landowner Summit. The budget as revised will be presented to the membership at the January chapter meeting.

David reported on dues payments to date.

CONNIE SHORTES – TRAINING

The 2023 training class will start on January 14, 2023. Currently there are 11 people enrolled in the class.

KAREN GARDENER- EDUCATION

Karen reported on the plans for upcoming educational programs.

JACI ELLIOTT – VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Rhonda Schneider will Co-lead the Winedale project with Jan Hughes.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board agreed to move the meeting date to the last Friday of the even months. This will align with the 15-day requirement in our 2023 governing documents to notify the membership of actions requiring a vote of the chapter membership.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:51.

Respectfully submitted by Patti Brown Secretary