

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Rolling Plains Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

7:00 pm, MSU Texas, Bolin Hall, Rm 221 and on Zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Penny Miller. The meeting agenda, financial reports, and last month's minutes were presented to the members via email before the meeting.

Welcome and Introduction of guests: Dwayne Peirce, Wichita County Extension Agent

Members and guests attending: Judy and Larry Snyder, Penny Miller, Carl Brown, Terry McKee, Debra Halter, Dana Leonard, Laura Gillis, Jim Masuoka, Jacob Stripling, Kevin Seager, Barb Price, Lynn Seman, Michael Lopez, Kay Murphy, Tiffany Herring, Chris Honkomp

Via Zoom: Jeanne Erickson, Betty Bowles, Stephen Connor, Jim Price

Meeting Minutes & Financial Report

The financial reports and April minutes were distributed via email. Financials and Minutes were accepted.

Old Business:

- **Scavenger hunt** - Don't forget to work on your Scavenger Hunt cards. They can be downloaded from the website
- **WFMA (Animals in Art).**
 - Dr Brandt and Students will be presenting "Wildlife of North Texas" at the WFMA Thursday, May 7 at 5:30 pm. This presentation is approved for AT.
 - Laura Gillis will be leading a Nature Journaling class at the WFMA, Tuesday, May 12, 5:30-7:00 pm. Class is approved for AT.
- **City Nature Challenge Update.** Lynn reported fewer observers but more species for our area so far. ID portion of the Challenge continues through May 10. Penny stressed the importance of uploading good, clear photos with the subject clearly presented in the photos.

New Business:

- **Certifications and Awards:**
 - **Recertifications:** Jim Masuoka, Jean Erickson
 - **250 Hours milestones:** DeAnna Bullock, Stephen Conner, Leslie Cusick-Fernandes, Marla Havins
 - **500 Hours milestones:** Kevin Seager
- **Upcoming Projects & Opportunities:**
 - **TMN Tuesday:** (usually every 2nd Tuesday of every month at 12:00)

noon.) **Time Change for May: 11:30** Topic: Grant Strategies for TMN Chapters

- **Water Testing:**
 - **Tuesday, May 12** at 9:00 - 11:00 am at Lake Wichita and Wichita River (Lucy Park)
 - **Friday, May 15**, 9:00 - 10:00 am Lake Gordon. **(Date Change)**
- **Lake Arrowhead SP Bird Outing:** Saturday, May 10, 8:00 am.
- **North Texas BioBlitz, Bridwell and Clark Ranch:** May 8-10 - If interested, contact Debra and sign up on iNat
- **Quail Project:** Quail project has begun with a roadside count done on Monday, May 4th. If interested, please contact Sandy Underwood.
- **After School Fishing:** Started today. Dates are May 5, 7, 12 & 14; 4:30 - 6:00, at South Weeks Park pond
- **Texoma Gives:** We will participate again in Texoma Gives. We will be raising money for Bluebird Boxes to be installed on the Circle Trail. Tiffany Herring will be lead on this project
- **Annual Meeting:** 22-25 October in Waco. TMN room block at the conference hotel is full but rooms are available at other hotels nearby. Agenda will be posted the first week in August. A link to an Annual Meeting Survey has been sent to the membership. Please take a moment and fill it out.

- **Committee & Project Reports**

- **Education & Outreach Committee:**
 - Seymour Water Day, May 11, contact Lisa Taylor
 - Fort Richardson, May 21, water testing station with homeschool students
 - Region 9 Teacher Training, June 3 or 4
 - Mark Howell Fishing Rodeo: LASP June 6
 - Check the calendar for other opportunities
 - Still need volunteers for Whiteside Field Trip guides.
 - Bat monitoring will start on Monday, May 11
Please see Lynn to volunteer for any of these opportunities.
- **Partner Updates:**
 - **River Bend Nature Center:** Bug Fest, May 29 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Call Jennica at RBNC to sign up
 - **Wild Bird Rescue:** Baby bird season has begun. Contact WBR if interested in volunteering.
 - **Native Plant Society** has requested our help in the gardens at The Forum on Saturday, June 6 at 8:00 am.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00 pm. at Bolin Hall room 221. Program will be Bats by Michael Lopez

Meeting was Adjourned

Program: Michael Lopez: TMN Conservation Laws, Regulations & Ethics (based on TMN Module 22)

VT: .5 hour

AT: 1 hour

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Gillis, for Sandy Underwood