

**Texas Master Naturalist
El Camino Real Chapter
Chapter Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2014**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice- President Sandra Dworaczyk at 6:00pm and was held at Rockdale General Store. Those in attendance included: Clyde Adcock, Nancy Adcock, Darlene Anglen, Katherine Bedrich, Cindy Bolch, Linda Jo Conn, Sandra Dworaczyk, Pamela Englehardt, Kathy Lester, Donna Lewis, Dorothy Mayer, Jeanette Patsche, Minnie Pesl, Jay Pritchard, Kim Summers, and guests, Karin Patzke and Charlie Bedrich.

Nature Stories

Dorothy—nephew found nest of new-earred sliders; friend found carcass of horned lizard
Sandra—cardinal nest in tree at Monarch Garden
Donna—2 colors of the larva piped-lined swallowtail butterfly (red and black)
Katherine—met someone who had momma opossum Pictures coming to share. Has doodle bugs
Linda Jo--Northern rough-winged swallow spotted in trees
Darlene—two groups of blue birds

A motion was made by Kim Summers to approve the minutes. This was seconded by Donna Lewis. Motion carried.

Treasurer—Cindy Bolch

Ending balance of \$5,355.30. Detailed report on website. Report filed for audit.

Chair reports:

Membership—Dorothy Mayer

Nancy Adcock received certification. Next class will be in 2016.

AT/VE—Kathy Lester

Watch website for opportunities. Linda Jo reported Master Gardeners have extended an invitation to their next meeting on water.

Historian—Debbi Harris

Send her relevant photos for use in the scrapbook

Projects/Announcements

Nature of Milam County—Katherine reminded members about the observation sheet. It helps with the documentation for Milam County. Fill out sheet and return to Katherine ASAP. Continue focusing on observation **Sand County Almanac** by Aldo Leopold Katherine is interested in getting a group together to study his book beginning in January. The format of this book study would be to take a chapter each month and discuss what he wrote, continuing the study month by month. The book study group could make a nature journal. There would be a general meeting in October and/or November to begin planning and setting up a schedule. She is looking for volunteers to take a month. (No meals, probably)

Gault Tour—Linda Jo Conn--Trip was informative and educational. Members were fascinated by the site.

Facebook page survey among members. When Don returns, board will discuss.

Activities/Upcoming Events

August 30

Tim Sigmund to present a meeting on Land Management Program. Rockdale General Store. Chapter members are asked to help provide sandwiches and chips for lunch.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Pamela Englehardt and seconded by Kim Summers. The meeting was adjourned at 6:52.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Adcock

Following the meeting, Karin Patzke presented an informative speech on the History of TPWD and early Texas Naturalists.