

Chapter meeting minutes July 12, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. Donna Lewis @ 7:55 pm following pot luck meal & speaker Bob Mione who spoke regarding A Native Prairie Restoration Project

Those in attendance were: (23 total)

Joyce Conner, Mike Conner, Sue Ann Kendall, Pat Holley, Lisa Milewski, Jenecia Durr, Burton Moore, Janice Johnson, Ann Collins, Kathleen Lester, Dorothy Mayer, Cathy Johnson, Donna Lewis, Scott Berger, Liz Lewis, Pamela Neeley, Sherry Colley, Linda Jo Conn, Tina Foster, Sandra Dworaczyk, & Kim Summers. Guests present were: Sam Jolly & Dorothy Thomas Nature Stories: Mustang grapes & wild plums are ready. Sam Jolly invited us to come & pick at Travis's Ranch if interested. He also noted that mesquite were almost ready since Sean Wall, last month's author-speaker had stressed what a good food source the pods are.

Motion to approve June Secretary report was made by Joyce Conner & Seconded by Sue Ann Kendall.

Vice President report: August speaker has not yet returned calls or emails recently. We will either have her or figure out another option for our August speaker.

Treasury report has been filed on our website for audit & is nowhere paperless. Reimbursements can now also be requested online.

Communications: Don Travis, absent
Turn pictures etc in
To Lynn Hagan to enter on our Chapter Facebook page

Host: Sherry Colley. Everything is good

Membership: Lisa Milewski presented recertification pins to Linda Jo Conn & Kathleen Lester.

Advanced Training & Volunteer: Submit requests to approve Advanced Training or Volunteer activities online to Kathy Lester. There is information on our website on how to do this.

Activities/announcements: There is a butterfly watch at Lick Creek Park in Bryan this Sat. If anyone wants to attend Donna Lewis & Cathy Johnson plan to attend.

New Business:

Mike Conner explained the Post Oak Savannah Groundwater Conservancy District's plan that will pay landowners for placing all or part of their water rights in a conservancy for 5, 10, or 20 years.

This means that:

- 1) participants cannot lease or sell water rights during this period.
- 2) Cannot still any permitted wells on land during this period.
- 3) Can droll/maintain exempt Wells.

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This is a binding agreement that cannot be terminated early.

Payment will probably be \$5, \$7, or \$8 per acre depending on period of time involved. Agreement will also bind future owners. Lease will follow property if sold.

Why GCD is doing this:

Good press

Give landowners a way to conserve their water

Get some revenue from permit holders to land owners.

Requirements:

Must have full, unencumbered rights to water

Must be over the aquifer.

However-This does not reduce or increase amount of water that will be pumped from the aquifers. That is controlled by DFCs set by the GCD. As early as next June there should be more information. "So, if you haven't already leased water rights, Don't"

Children's library program Still has one more presentation by Donna Lewis next Thursday July 19 at 5:30 pm at the Cameron Library. Purple Martins is the subject. Volunteer & travel time can be earned by members who come to assist/support our chapter w/this endeavor. So, come a little early so you can be assigned a job on where you will be needed to help.

We are still considering a booth at the Steaktobfest @ 44 Farms on October 13, 2018. Our participation will hinge on having an indoor facility due to wind, etc.

Board Meeting June 24 resulted in the following.

Continue to pay event insurance since it is minimal

Mike Conner, treasurer, will be going paperless on our financial books

Reviewed upcoming COH changes.

Linda Jo Conn is our chapter's state representative & will be attending upcoming TPWD webinars.

Last Friday the webinar was about this year's annual conference-which will be huge. 150 sessions being offered w/a tentative schedule being emailed soon. Big change is there-will be a flat charge per day &Hotel will be charges separately.

Silent Auction items are still needed .

October 25 will be the Gala-\$225 each to attend or \$2000 for a table.

So, go. Go to mingle not clump.

Watch for registration email. End of July/1st of August if interested.

ListServ is place to go to get set up for all emails from TPWD

Sue Ann Kendall made a motion to adjourn at 8:40, seconded by Mike Conner. Passed.