

**Gideon Lincecum Chapter Texas Master Naturalist
Chapter Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2025
Washington County Expo Sales Facility
Brenham, TX**

The chapter business meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Sheri Wilcox, president. There were 38 chapter members, 3 members of the 2025 training class and 3 guests attending. Board members attending were Sheri Wilcox, Lori Buffum, Swee-Leng Rappatz, Jaci Elliot, Karen Gardner, Chris Morrison, Ken English, Connie Shortes and Betty Scardino.

Minutes for the January 18, 2025 chapter meeting were accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's report: Karen Dean was not able to attend. She provided Sheri the current financial report. There were only a few expenses since the first of the year. Included were the filing fee for taxes and renewals of subscriptions. There were substantial donations in the first quarter. Among these was the grant money from HEB and employee matching donations and hours from members employers.

Marketing report: Ken English reported that TMN-GLC will have booths at the Furs, Feathers and Farming Program in Weimar, the Cotton Gin Festival in Burton, the Honeybee Jubilee in New Ulm and the Lee County Wildlife Program in Giddings.

Education Report: Karen Gardner reported that Spring is a very busy time for Education. These include activities at the local schools and community events. Karen, Sheri, Lori or event organizers will send out requests for volunteers for the many events. The Chapter has many topics that may be of interest to civic groups in the area. If members are aware of Education opportunities in the community please contact Karen.

Membership Report: Chris Morrison reported that 6 chapter members were re-certified since the last meeting. Barbara Boucher, Carol Gaskamp. Marvelyn Granger and Cathy Nolte received the Bronze Dragonfly Pin for a milestone of 250 lifetime hours of service. Chris reminded members that each volunteer hour is worth \$23 to our sponsoring agency.

Vice-Presidents Report:

The May meeting will be held at Winedale Historical Complex and the AT subject will be a Carbon Sequestration study conducted by the University of Houston Coastal Center and Resource Environmental Solutions at Deer Park Prairie.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The AT portion of the meeting was a presentation by David Gwin on a new state program being implemented called "Time to Restore".

Submitted by Betty Scardino
TMN-GLC Secretary