

# Chapter Meeting for Rolling Plains Chapter TMN February 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by chapter president, Laura Gillis.

Members present were: Laura Gillis, Debra Halter, Lynn Seman, Sandy Underwood, Linda Price, Marilyn Meader, Kay Murphy, Paula Savage, Carol Lunsford, Terry McKee, Sharon and Ray Hyde, Allen Brajer, Larry and Judy Snyder, Joy Parsons, Alex Nelson, Laura Clepper, Carl Brown, Aaron Holland, Penny Miller, James Masuoka, Lisa Taylor, Tami Davis, and Jane McGough. We welcomed back DeAnna Bullock from Graham as our guest.

Debra introduced Dr. Joseph Veech who presented his studies on the Texas Kangaroo Rat.

After the presentation, the business meeting began.

The January chapter meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were accepted as posted.

## **Old Business:** Committee and Project Reports

**Training Class:** Terry reported that there were 2 slots left to fill on the training schedule: May 20 and June 10. No field trips so far. Classes will start March 4 and continue every Thursday night (on Zoom) through June 24.

**Saturday Hikes:** Members that went on January's hike were pleased with how it worked.

**Adopt a Loop:** Penny has made a presentation to the park board and is waiting on approvals.

**City Nature Challenge:** Lynn is still putting this together

**Adopt a Highway:** Lynn reported that Larry and Judy were going to finish up the last section this week.

## **New Business:**

### New Opportunities:

- TMN Virtual Job Fair - February 3-4, 2021 Link will be provided on the website to register. The link contains a 48 page catalog of programs you can attend. Watching live or the recordings will count for VT
- Last Saturday Hike: This month's topic is animal tracks. The Instruction video and link will be sent February 20. Participants will have a week to go out and look for tracks and take pictures. Campfire Conversation will be February 27, 2021.
- Invasive species removal task force: Alex has been in touch with the city. It will be a while before we can begin.

State Guidelines: No one had any questions on the updated state guidelines for operating during Covid.

Home and Garden Show- February 27-28, 2021: Laura said we will have an unmanned table with information. We need volunteers to set up and tear down. The Chapter sold 26 tickets.

### Appointment of Non-Elected Board Members :

- MSU Liaison: Betty Bowles
- LASP Liaison: Laura Clepper
- Need volunteers to help the Chapter with Outreach, Publicity and Historian
- Need a Liaison for Chapter & County Extension Service

### Committees and projects:

- Climate Watch:  
A bird watching project January 15-February 15, 2021 with Audubon. Debra is looking ahead at the spring season watch.
- Project Feeder Watch: continues until April 9
- The 24th Annual GBBC: Friday, February 12 through Monday, February 15, 2021.
- LASP Bird Walk with Penny: Saturday, February 13, 2021. 8:00 am

**Upcoming Events and Opportunities:** Watch for weekly e-mails from Lynn.

**Next Business Meeting March 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.** Debra will be getting us ready for the City Nature Challenge with a training on how to use the iNaturalist app.

**Additional Items:**

TMN Tuesday: great place to get AT. You can watch live or watch the recording for AT credit.

Congratulations to the Wichita Wingmen for coming in 1st place in their category - Larry and Judy Snyder, Warren and Sue King, and Penny Miller.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm**