



**Texas Master Naturalist™ - Cradle of Texas Chapter**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 11, 2024, 6:06 p.m. – 7:48 p.m. (HYBRID)**  
**at Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Angleton TX**

**6:06 p.m. Call to Order**

**Jimmy Salinas**

J. Salinas, presiding in the absence of Kathy Pittman, welcomed everyone attending or participating online. He noted our potluck dinner attendees were enjoying and the Chapter's 23rd anniversary of our initial meeting. Jimmy recognized Susan Conaty, who was part of the original group.

He also recognized guests, Mike and Ann Lane, our speaker, Alenka Cardenas, Wetland Outreach Coordinator at Bayou City Waterkeeper. Jimmy gave special recognition and expressed thanks on behalf of our Chapter to special guest, Brigid, who brought an array of fruits and desserts on behalf of the Brazoria County Library System as thanks for our participation in their summer program.

**Approval of the General Meeting Minutes**

**Jimmy Salinas**

The draft copy of the minutes of the August 14, 2024, General Meeting was sent out via e-mail to the TMN-COT member distribution list for review prior to the meeting. No additions or corrections were reported. Members voted approval of the minutes upon the motions of Rose Wagner and Melanie Hollenshead.

**Membership**

**John Boettiger**

<b>Initial Certifications:</b>	Suzanne Jerabeck	Tara Lawrence-Johnson
	Sabrina Smith	
<b>Recertifications:</b>	Susan Buell	Joel Cobb
	Brian Hanson	Suzanne Jerabeck
	Donna Gregurek	Sabrina Smith
	Gina Summers	Tara Lawrence-Johnson

There were no attendees present to collect their pins.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!**

		<b>August</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Hours*	<b>VT</b>	588.18	10,604.97
	<b>AT</b>	<u>123.25</u>	<u>1,735.24</u>
	<b>Total</b>	711.43	12,394.21
Impact Data*	<b>Adults</b>	84	6,329
	<b>Youth</b>	<u>254</u>	<u>21,509</u>
	<b>Total</b>	338	27,838

\* Data will not be considered final until mid-October 2024

**Featured Speaker** - Alenka Cardenas, Wetland Outreach Coordinator at Bayou City Waterkeeper, who presented the AT program: "Exploring the 5 Critical Wetland Areas and Wetland Watch Hub Tools".

**BREAK** (10 minutes) - Thank you to those who brought refreshments!

**Outreach**

**Ruby Lewis**

- GCBO Extreme Hummingbird Extravaganza (XHX) – Saturday, September 14 and 21, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon; 3 volunteers are needed - contact Ruby at [rubylewis77515@gmail.com](mailto:rubylewis77515@gmail.com) to volunteer at one of our booths; contact Celeste Silling (GCBO) at [csilling@gcbo.org](mailto:csilling@gcbo.org) to volunteer in other areas.
- Sea Center Texas Bull Red Run-A-Palooza and Youth Fishing – Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; contact Jordan Kieffer at [jordan.kieffer@tpwd.texas.gov](mailto:jordan.kieffer@tpwd.texas.gov).
- KBR Kids Day at Tony Marron Park (808 North York, Houston, TX 77003) – Saturday, October 19, 2024, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are still needed for our booths (reptiles, butterflies and wingspan).
- Sea Center Texas Spooktacular – Sunday, October 20, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; volunteers may wear costumes - contact Ruby at [rubylewis77515@gmail.com](mailto:rubylewis77515@gmail.com).
- Brazoria County Parks Department will host children from the Angleton ISD at Stephen F. Austin State Park on Friday, November 1, 2024, beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- City of Pearland "Run for All", at Independence Park - Saturday, November 2, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sea Center Texas Special Olympics Fishing Competition - Saturday, November 9, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Ruby also briefly mentioned First Presbyterian Church in Angleton would hold the fall festival on October 26 but had no details at the time. Contact Ruby via text, phone, or email at [rubylewis77515@gmail.com](mailto:rubylewis77515@gmail.com); phone 979.583.7903.

**Treasurer**

**Don Sabathier (absent)**

J. Salinas presented the August 2024 summary report for D. Sabathier. Refer to appended Item 1 for the Full Income Statement.

August 2024	
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	\$13,386.30
Revenue Summary	544.02
Expense Summary	<u>1,273.17</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	\$12,657.15

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Oron Atkins**

- Exploration Green Workday – every Wed., 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; contact Christie Taylor.
- Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project – self-directed.
- Nurdle Beach Patrol – self-directed; contact Jace Turnell.
- Adopt-a-Beach Surfside (maybe Stahlman Park) - Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- Beach Sweep, Quintana Jetties – October 7, 2024 (weather permitting), 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.; contact Jimmy or Luanne Salinas ([jimmy.salinas217@gmail.com](mailto:jimmy.salinas217@gmail.com); [mshluhu@gmail.com](mailto:mshluhu@gmail.com)).
- Brazoria County Comprehensive Spider Survey – self-directed, contact Melanie Hollenshead.
- Adopt-a-Loop for TMN – self-directed, contact Debbie Nance.
- iNaturalist, Pollinator Bioblitz - October 11 - 27, 2024; self-directed. Refer to the e-mail sent by Kathy Pittman and LISTServ, "Texas Pollinator Bioblitz" on Facebook or [tpwd.texas.gov](http://tpwd.texas.gov).



- Brazoria County Parks "Kids FishFest" at BassPro Shops in Pearland - October 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

O. Atkins expressed thanks to all who came out and helped with our joint project with Brazoria County Master Gardeners and Delores Fenwick Nature Center (City of Pearland)! Invasive plants from the Wildscape area (enough to fill several pickup trucks!) were removed. Additional workdays are expected to be announced.

### Fall Field Day

**Kristine Rivers**

Fall Field Day will be held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at San Luis Pass County Park. K. Rivers mentioned parking is limited and suggested members can carpool. This year's topic is "Open to Interpretation" and will include a group breakout event for scavenger hunts (3.5 hours AT). All items will be open to interpretation. An optional event is offered where participants can go look at the dunes with Brenda Stitt. Lunch will be provided. Kristine will send out a link for registration, which opened September 3, 2024.

### Annual Meeting

**Jimmy Salinas**

The Texas Master Naturalist 2024 Annual Meeting will be held October 24 - 27, 2024, in San Marcos, Texas. The hotel link and conference registration are open (<https://txmn.tamu.edu/2024-annual-meeting/>). All meeting information, including the agenda, has been posted to the State website.

### Other Items

- The next Intern Class is scheduled to begin in mid-October. Melanie Hollenshead cautioned this is dependent upon getting everything done; otherwise, the class start will be deferred to January 2025.
- The Nominating Committee, composed of Jimmy and Luanne Salinas, Tara Lawrence, Barbara Whaley and Mickey Dufilho, is seeking members for Board Officer slots. Contact Mickey at [dufilhos@hotmail.com](mailto:dufilhos@hotmail.com).

### Meeting AT and VT hours

- AT - 0.75 hour
- VT - 1.00 hour

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Jimmy Salinas adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Attendance:	In-person	49
	Virtual	<u>11</u>
	Total	60

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Purvis, Secretary

cc: Board Members  
 Clara Tyler, AgriLIFE Secretary ([Clara.tyler@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:Clara.tyler@ag.tamu.edu))



Item 1. August 2024 Income Statement

**COT MASTER NATURALIST INCOME STATEMENT for 2024**

	2024										Totals	Budget Delta	
	Budget	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	ctobremcemt			
<b>Opening Balance</b>		\$10,700.59	\$ 13,306.01	\$14,822.02	\$15,334.50	\$15,361.67	\$16,190.21	13,567.57	\$13,386.30				
<b>INCOME ITEMS</b>													
Membership Dues	2,900	1,126.29	937.72	274.65	595.65	149.75	25.00					3,109.06	-209.06
Interest Income	10.00	0.22	0.23	0.26	0.25	0.27	0.26	0.23	0.23			1.95	8.05
Member Donations	300	23.79		62.58	23.79	23.79	23.79	23.79	523.79			729.11	-429.11
Sponsor/Non-member Donations			75.00	24.99					20.00			119.99	-119.99
Member Payments for New Shirts	40											0.00	0.00
Special AT event- Non Member fees	100						172.08					172.08	-72.08
Reimbursements					331.40		129.75					461.15	-461.15
<b>Sub Total</b>	3,350	1,150.30	1,012.95	362.48	951.09	173.81	350.88	24.02	544.02	#####	###	4,593.34	-1,243.34
New Intern Class Receipts	4,500	\$1,550.00	830.00	225.20	475.00	1,051.71	150.20	300.40	0.00			4,582.51	-82.51
<b>INCOME TOTALS</b>	7,850	\$2,700.30	1,842.95	587.68	1,426.09	1,225.52	501.08	324.42	544.02	#####	###	9,175.85	-1,325.85
<b>EXPENSE ITEMS</b>													
Approved Donations	300					104.42		150.00				254.42	45.58
Speakers Bureau												0.00	0.00
Speaker Travel Mileage/Motel/Tolls	200											0.00	200.00
Membership Director Expenses	50											0.00	50.00
Office Supplies, Postage Etc.	30	7.12						6.80				20.71	9.29
Special Annual AT Event/Fall Field Day	1,750							1206.29	150.00			1,356.29	393.71
Member Shirt Purchases (if any)	40											0.00	40.00
Special Recognition	200											0.00	200.00
Travelers D&O Ins. Premium (Paid 3 years in 2022)												0.00	0.00
Godaddy Website maintenance	200		176.95						23.17			200.12	-0.12
New Officer/Member Name Tags	40											0.00	40.00
State Annual Conference Registration & Expenses	1,500.00								1250.00			1,250.00	250.00
State Meeting Sponsorship & Scholarships	750.00				300.00							300.00	450.00
Education Outreach Support Materials	500					103.90						103.90	396.10
EcoFund Projects	500							198.89				198.89	301.11
Unbudgeted Field Research Bat Project					108.16	185.41	32.46					326.03	-326.03
Chapter Host-Meeting/Party Supplies	400	12.76	24.99	40.21		3.25						111.69	288.31
Chapter Host-Recognition Party/Cakes	175			34.99	40.99							75.98	99.02
<b>Sub Total</b>	6635	19.88	201.94	75.2	449.15	396.98	1,238.75	505.69	1,273.17	#####	###	4,198.03	2,436.97
TMN Text Book Order	1500						1786.00					1,786.00	-286.00
Zeiglers-Intern T-Shirts	1200				811.80							1,433.80	-233.80
Intern Name Tags	150				95.00							199.50	-49.50
Intern Class Marketing	100		50.00									50.00	50.00
Intern Class - Zoom Annual fees	250											0.00	250.00
Intern Class Supplies	200				42.97		98.97					141.94	58.06
Intern Class Scholarships-2	150											0.00	150.00
Intern Registration Reimbursement		75.00	75.00									150.00	-150.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	3550	75.00	125.00	0.00	949.77	0	1884.97	0	0.00	#####	###	3,761.24	-211.24
<b>EXPENSE TOTALS</b>	10,185.00	94.88	326.94	75.20	1,398.92	396.98	3123.72	505.69	1,273.17	#####	###	7,959.27	2,225.73
		(2,335)											
<b>Ending Balance</b>		13,306.01	14,822.02	15,334.50	15,361.67	16,190.21	13,567.57	13,386.30	12,657.15	#####	###		
COT Chapter Lifetime membership Dues \$400.00 COT 2024 Annual Dues \$25.00 2024 Intern Class fee: \$150.00 Members attaining 4,000, 5,000 or 10,000 VT hours are exempt from dues the next calendar year 2024 Travel reimbursement: c67/mile													