



**Texas Master Naturalist™ - Cradle of Texas Chapter**  
**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm (HYBRID)**  
**at Texas AgriLIFE Extension Service, Angleton TX**

**6:15 pm Call to Order**

**Kathy Pittman**

K. Pittman called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm

**Approval of the General Meeting Minutes**

The draft copy of the minutes of the February 11, 2026, meeting was sent to the TMN-COT distribution list for review prior to the meeting. No changes were requested. Members approved the minutes as presented upon the motion of Rose Wagner, seconded by Kathy Purvis.

**Welcome**

K. Pittman welcomed attendees and those online, as well as multiple guests. She also recognized those with March birthdays.

We recognized the death of Ron McCully, 82 who died on February 13, 2026. He was a County Park Commissioner and an Intern in the Summer 2024 class.

**Membership**

**John Boettiger**

John gave the February reports as follows:

<b>Initial Certifications:</b>	None	
<b>Recertifications:</b>	Oron Atkins	David Brandes
	Kathy Pittman	Richard Schaffhausen
	Barbara Whaley	
<b>Milestones:</b>	None	

**Congratulations to all!**

**VMS Data for February 2026\***

		<b>February</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
<b>Hours*</b>	<b>VS</b>	951	1,824
	<b>AT</b>	<u>352</u>	<u>471</u>
	<b>Total</b>	1,303	2,295
<b>Impact data*</b>	<b>Adults</b>	1	147
	<b>Youth</b>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
	<b>Total</b>	3	149

*\*Data not considered final until mid-April*



## Eco Fund

**Kristen Rivers**

Two projects were funded:

Dick Schaffhausen received a \$500.00 to create a pocket prairie at Camp Mohawk. The area has been cleared and seeded with plans to plant the Monarch waystation this spring/summer. Contact Dick if you want to participate, [dickanddonna2@comcast.net](mailto:dickanddonna2@comcast.net).

Patty Brinkmeyer received \$500.00 for "Habitat Hero Project". She has created a Habitat Hero pledge and sticker to help improve and maintain an ecofriendly habitat that provides a beneficial environment for wildlife.

## AT Day

The raffle for two rain barrels raised \$219.00 for Splash.

## Upcoming VS Opportunities

**Oron Atkins**

- **Beach Sweep** – Monday, 04/06, 8:00 am to 10:00 am, Quintina Beach, Jetties - contacts Jimmy/Luanne Salinas, [jimmy.salinas217@gmail.com](mailto:jimmy.salinas217@gmail.com) & [msluhu@gmail.com](mailto:msluhu@gmail.com).
- **GCBO 2026 Spring Fling** – Quintina Neotropical Bird Sanctuary, 04/04 through 05/02, contact Celeste Silling, also can sign up on the online calendar.
- **DFNC Educational Pond and Native Garden Habitat Workdays** – Thursday 03/19 and Saturday 03/21, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm – contact Kathy Pittman [Pittmankw4@aol.com](mailto:Pittmankw4@aol.com).
- **Camp Mohawk Pocket Prairie** – workday, 0316, 1:30pm, Contact Dick Schaffhausen, [dickanddonna2@comcast.net](mailto:dickanddonna2@comcast.net).
- **Wetland Planting at Eagle Lake Nest** - 03/26, contact Jennifer Wilson.
- **Resoft Park Pollinator Gardens** – workdays TBA, contact, Kate Harris, [harriskd11@hotmail.com](mailto:harriskd11@hotmail.com)
- **Upcoming Construction Projects (TBA)** - contact Oron Atkins, [oronatkins3@gmail.com](mailto:oronatkins3@gmail.com)
- **Yellow-legged Hornet Monitoring** - We need volunteers, please contact [oronatkins3@gmail.com](mailto:oronatkins3@gmail.com)
- **Exploration Green Workday** – every Wed., 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon – contact Christie Taylor, <https://www.explorationgreen.org/>
- **Trash Collection/Disposal Analysis Project** – self directed
- **Nurdle Beach Patrol** – Jace Turnell – self-directed, <https://www.nurdlepatrol.org/app/>
- **Brazoria County Comprehensive Spider Survey** – self-directed, contact Melanie Hollingshead
- **Adopt a Loop for TMN** – self-directed, contact Cris Tobola, [utc\\_aal@yahoo.com](mailto:utc_aal@yahoo.com)
- **TMN-COT iNaturalist Data Collection Project** - contact Amanda Gabehart, [sylshessa@aol.com](mailto:sylshessa@aol.com)
- **Time to Restore Project** – self-directed, contact Kathy Pittman <https://www.usanpn.org/community/TimeToRestore>

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Rich", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

Donna Rich, Secretary

cc: Board Members  
Piper Sparkman, AgriLIFE Secretary ([piper.sparkman@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:piper.sparkman@ag.tamu.edu))  
Larry Peterson ([lfpete@swwell.net](mailto:lfpete@swwell.net))