

MINUTES
MID-COAST CHAPTER, TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST
MAY 9, 2026
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Mid-Coast Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist™, Inc. General Membership met hybrid remote, and in person at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center, located at 1 Wildlife Circle, Austwell, TX 77950.

Meeting Attendance

There was a total to 28 attendees, of which 1 was a guest. There were 27 members in good standing, of which 10 participated by Zoom and 6 officers and directors formed a quorum.

Program

Dan Walker from Texas Parks and Wildlife – Powderhorn Wildlife Management Area 20 min (10:00-10:20 A.M.)
Subject: Powderhorn, Guadalupe and Matagorda Islands WMAs

Wilfred Korth 45 min (10:20-11:05 A.M.)
Subject: Guadalupe River Conservancy Restoration of Doc Wayne and Martha McAllister's Acres of Solitude in DeWitt County

Business Meeting

The business meeting was called to order at 11:35 A.M. by Vice President Ele Chew. Acting Secretary Dee Mahaffey recorded the minutes. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M. for 2 hours CB: Chapter Business plus individual travel time. The AT Presentation was 1.25 hours spanning from 10:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Reports

Secretary's Report by Janet Cunningham

The Mid-Coast Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist™, Inc. General Membership Meeting met hybrid remote and in person at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday February 14, 2026 at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center which is located at 1 Wildlife Circle, Austwell, TX 77950.

The business meeting was called to order at 11:20 A.M. by President Steve Ferguson. Secretary Janet Cunningham recorded the minutes. The meeting

adjourned at 1:30 P.M. for 2 hours CB: Chapter Business plus individual travel time. The AT presentation was 1 hour spanning from 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Thirty-three members in good standing, of which 13 participated by Zoom, were in attendance. Nine officers and directors formed a quorum.

Program

At 10:00 A.M. Patrick Hartigan, MCTMN member, presented Ecoregions, Rare Plant Communities, and Species of Greatest Conservation Concern in the Texas Coastal Bend.

At 10:30 Viv Atkinson, ANWR Park Ranger, presented on ANWR.

The minutes were posted on the chapter website and were approved by consensus.

Board of Directors Reports:

President's Report – Notified of Annual Meeting Timeline, update on Copano Cove Conservation Area, SEED Program and Aransas Pathways Sunset Paddle.

Vice President's Report – Updates on the next Board of Director's Meeting and General Meetings in 2026

Treasurer's Report – Budget Actuals 01/2026 updated 04/2026

Membership & VMS Reports

Membership Report
VMS Update

Advanced Training Director– Updated on AT opportunities

Initial Training Report – Updated on status of 2026 Training Program

Projects Report – Updated on upcoming volunteer opportunities

Communications Report – Updated on need for volunteers for Hooks game, Outreach Inventory, and the newsletter.

Plant Sale Report

Technologiy Report – No Report

Past President Report – Noted that Janet Cunningham would be resigning from her position as Chapter Secretary due to health reasons and requested a volunteer to finish her term. Also updated on positions that will be open for the 2027 term.

Class Represenatative Report – No Report.

Chapter Advisor Report – No Report.

Awards

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

D'Ann Williams moved to adjourn and Bill Burge seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Mahaffey
Mid-Coast Chapter Secretary

President's Report

Steve Ferguson, President

May 9, 2026 – General Meeting

1. TMN Annual Meeting

Get excited for our **Texas Master Naturalist 2026 Annual Meeting** – to be held **Thursday, October 22 through Sunday, October 25** in Waco, Texas!

Annual Meeting Timeline

May 15– Submit presentation proposals/abstracts deadline

Jul 1 – Meeting agenda shared

Aug 1 – Registration opens

Aug 31 – Early registration ends

Sep 20 – Registration ends

Oct 7 – Chapter project fair presentations (#TMNTuesday)

2. Copano Cove Conservation Area

Aransas County purchased the **Copano Cove Ranch**, a 954-acre reserve on the southeast shoreline of Copano Bay. This land, which consists of wetlands and uplands prairie, must be managed in accordance with the Conservation Easement. The North American Land Trust is the title holder. Aransas County is the owner.

Aransas County Commissioners Court appointed five members to the Land Use Management (LUM), which is a subcommittee of the **Aransas Pathways** Steering Committee. LUM has been designated as the Aransas County entity responsible for developing the land-use management plan for this new, county conservation refuge.

Commissioners Court appointed as members of LUM, Mid-Coast members Bill Burge, Maureen Crocker, honorary chapter member Charlie Belaire, Chad Kacir (a NRCS professional) and Steve Ferguson (as chairman).

This conservation area will be a wonderful opportunity to preserve a large natural area for generations to come.

3. **SEED (Students Engaged in Ecosystem Discovery)**

Our Chapter's "SEED" partnership with Rockport-Fulton High School, completed the pilot program. We've had four field trips and training programs this semester, with our final fieldtrip on the R/V Katy. We held our graduation ceremony on May 5th.

I thank Bill Burge, Maureen Crocker, Rachael Diaz, and Amy Nowlin for serving with me on the SEED project team. I also want to thank Kendall Keys, Steve Marwitz, Liz Smith, and D'Ann Williams for working with our students.

We have now begun to review and revise SEED for the 2026-2027 school year.

4. Aransas Pathways Sunset Paddle

AP is looking for MCTMN members to serve as kayak guides for this evening paddle (June 19, 5:00 PM till the party is over. Currently four members have volunteers to serve. Pathways would like four or five more volunteers to serve.

Vice President Report May 9, 2026

by Ele Chew

Board of Directors Meetings

Saturday, July 11, and Oct. 11

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Location:

Coastal Oaks Garden, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Aransas County,
892 Airport Rd, Rockport, TX 78382, USA

General/Chapter Meeting

Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Aransas National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/Wr5niVGpfJQB8K7c9>

- **Speakers**

Dan Walker from Powderhorn Wildlife Management Area

20 mins (10:00-10:25 with Q&A)

Subject: Powderhorn, Guadalupe, and Matagorda Island WMAs

Wilfred Korth from Mid-Coast Texas Master Naturalist

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General/Chapter Meeting

Saturday, August 8, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

City of Palacios Pavillion

693 South Bay Blvd., Palacios, TX

- **Speakers**

Kirk Feuerbacher from the Texas Nature Conservancy

Subject: Refugio-Goliad Prairie Project and the Attwater Prairie Chickens.

Mid-Coast Texas Master Naturalist Inc.
Chapter Meeting
05/08/2026
Aransas National Wildlife Refuge
One Wildlife Circle, Austwell, TX 77950
Treasurer's Report as of: 04/30/2026

Financial Balances - Overview (as of 04/30/2026)

Contingency Reserves 04/30

Certificates of Deposit	\$13,707.96
Money Market Funds	\$7,174.17
Total Contingency Reserves	<u>\$20,882.13</u>

Bank Checking as of 04/30

\$51,248.41

Checking account balance as of 04/01	\$52,687.16
Less cleared items	-1,438.75
Less outstanding items	
Operating bank balance as of 04/30	<u>\$51,248.41</u>

YTD Total Revenue as of 04/30	\$ 1,610.80
Less YTD Total Expenses as of 04/30	3,753.04
Net Loss as of 04/30	<u>\$-2,142.24</u>

- Three bank reconciliations completed 05/01. No Quicken back ups necessary with updated Quicken. COH will be updated soon.
- New signature cards need to be updated at Prosperity Bank with the new officers: Ele Chew as VP and Janet Cunningham as Secretary. Per Deborah Laird at Prosperity Bank in Rockport, signed copies of the minutes need to be delivered and signed by the *incoming* Secretary. Minutes need to state that outgoing officers are to be removed (Brigid and Ele) and incoming officers are to be added (Ele and Janet). The minutes should reflect legal names since IDs will be required. Once Deborah/Prosperity has completed her updates, the incoming secretary and VP can go to the Rockport bank to sign new resolutions.
- The Prosperity debit card expires in June. Anything paid automatically via debit will be updated with the new expiration date when the new card is received from Prosperity.

CATEGORY	2026 BUDGET EXPLANATION	ACTUALS as of 04/2026	2026 BUDGET approved by BOD on 01/30
REVENUE	Revenue		
Dues	Annual dues (\$15/person average x 100 paying members)	834	1,500
Initial Training Fees	Initial training (20 @\$150 FOR 2026/2027 class)	599	3,000
Gross Plant sale	Hummerbird		17,500
Grants Plant Sale	Ed Rachal Grant		10,000
Grants SEED	TBD		5,000
Book Sales	Book Sales to ANWR (10 books to IT class)		200
Badge Replacement	Cost to replace lost badge		50
Interest Income	Interest income from checking .15% (\$60), money market 1.51% (\$96), and CD 2.75% (\$400)	178	550
Misc Other (Donations)	Unsolicited donations less than \$250		5,000
TOTAL REVENUE	Total Revenue	1,611	42,800
EXPENSES			
Administrative	Expenses		
President Expenses			0
Liability Insurance	Currently working with TMN and insurance broker to determine if MCTMN should obtain additional, comprehensive insurance coverage. BOD approval required before insurance purchase.		4,000
Strategic planning workshop	Facilitator, supplies		1,300
VP Expenses	Supplies & other expenses incurred by VP, MS products \$36, misc chapter meeting	12	400
VP Expenses for Meetings - Capital Exp	New Laptop		500
Storage Rental	Kool storage, \$103/month	412	1,200
Secretary's Supplies	Paper, ink, postage, recorder, other supplies		150
Treasurer's Supplies	Ink \$65, MS products \$36, paper \$10, misc \$100	101	200
Treasurer - Capital Expense	No capitol expected		0
Historian and scrapbook	Toner, Paper, Scrapbook pages, Storage, etc.		0
Project Director Expenses	Pollinator garden \$3000, \$500 unforeseen expenses		3,500
Project Expense - SEED Pogram	(Naturalist-Student for RFHS)	1,301	5,000
Project Expense - Monarch Tagging Project	Tags, net, outreach materials		250
Project Expense - Fund Balance for Unanticipated Projects	Unanticipated project expenses to be individually approved per project by the BOD		5,000
Membership	Plaques (2 cases @\$175 ea) \$350 25 Name Badges \$350, Pin shipments \$36	188	736

CATEGORY	2026 BUDGET EXPLANATION	ACTUALS as of 04/2026	2026 BUDGET approved by BOD on 01/30
Communications - Website & Technical	WIX Website domain name, hosting & improvements \$900 (WIX \$400, 2 integration apps); Wufoo online data support \$350; Zoom license \$150, Quickbooks \$500 and support \$200, Dropbox business storage \$180, Signup Genius plant sale volunteer management \$270, Constant Contact - Enews & Registration for events. \$325, Survey Monkeyo \$360	146	3,236
Communications - Online Newsletter, Signups & Facebook Ads			0
Communications - General Marketing	Boosted FB ads \$300, SEED Logo Design \$300, Poster development SEED \$100	362	700
Communications - Outreach - Interpretation Team	Feather flag base kit \$185, Chapter logo tableclothes \$160, Brochures Vista Print \$260, Site incidental needs \$50, Winter Texan Day fee for table \$150, Bent Oak Rookery \$100, Hummerfest \$100, Monarch engagement \$100	125	1,356
Communications - Outreach - Engagement tools	Watershed Source Model and Tools \$1089, Beach wagons \$240, Animal track bundle - Nature watch \$175, Oyster engagement (2) 3 gallon tanks \$120, Squirell pelt \$40, Sea turtle egg replicas \$100, Sea turtle incubator box \$150, Misc \$1100		3,014
Total Proposed Marketing		633	8,306
PO Box Rental	Post Office box rental - Fulton 12 months @ \$166	166	166
Discretionary	\$150 annual donation to TMN, \$200 non standard honorarium		200
Square Expense / Bank Expense	Misc expense from Square and bank fees	33	50
Total Administrative less Marketing		2,214	22,652
Total Administrative plus marketing		2,847	30,958
Advanced Training	Instructor/speaker fees		0
Training - Initial			
Boat / Touch Tank Fees	RV Katy for Bay and Barrier Island Ecology		850
Books - Purchased	19 Statewide Cirriculum (TAMU Press, \$665		665
Instructor Fees	Honoraria or expense reimbursements (1 X \$250 assumed)	250	250
Venue	Fees		0
Contingency Fund	Other expenses (15% contingency)		450
Supplies & expenses	Note pads, printing, binders, badges, etc.	382	950

CATEGORY	2026 BUDGET EXPLANATION	ACTUALS as of 04/2026	2026 BUDGET approved by BOD on 01/30
Scholarship	Earmark for potential 2026 class applicants (2@\$90)		0
Misc	Ambassador/training committee pizza meeting	276	400
Total Initial Training		908	3,565
Plant Sale			
HummerBird Fee	Booth Space For outside space		500
Plants	Plants purchased		4,500
Sales Tax	Tax for sales other than 2 "free days".	2	450
Fees - Square	2.9% transaction fee for credit cards (60.0% of sales)		350
POS Square Expense	One month of hot spot		50
POS Hardware/Software - Capital Expense	Square purchase		
Plant Sale Educational Materials/Eqpt	Printed plantcare handouts and educational posters		500
Supplies & Misc expenses	\$50 labels/square, \$250 misc includes Square refill paper \$15 less one month hotspot \$55		200
Inventory Supplies	500 gallon pots		0
Marketing	Banners, posters, and social media boosts		1,000
Equipment Upgrades	200 Carrier trays		300
Total Plant Sale		2	7,850
TOTAL EXPENSES		3,753	42,373
TOTAL NET INCOME (YE)		2,142	427
TOTAL PLANT SALE NET INCOME		2	9,650
TOTAL PLANT SALE NET INCOME with Grants		2	19,650
CAPITAL EXPENSE		0	3,814

Budget vs. Actuals

2026

Distribution account						2026	
	Jan Actual	Feb Actual	Mar Actual	Apr Actual	YTD Actual	Budget	Over budget by
Income							
Donations - Income					0	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Grants - Plant Sale					0	10,000.00	-10,000.00
Grants - Seed					0	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Initial Training - Income							
Total for Initial Training - Income	\$0.00	\$449.08	\$149.84	\$0.00	\$598.92	\$3,000.00	-\$2,401.08
Interest Income	14.04	12.63	13.99	137.34	178	550.00	-372.00
Member Dues	429.6	231.90	125.74	46.64	833.88	1,500.00	-666.12
Plant Sale - Income							0.00
Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,500.00	-\$17,500.00
Book Sale - Income						200.00	-200.00
Butterfly Tour - Income (deleted)						0	0.00
Total for butterfly tour - Income (deleted)						0.00	0.00
Live Oak/Red Bay - Income							0.00
Member - badge replacement						50.00	-50.00
Other							0.00
Revenue (deleted) symposium - revenue (deleted)							0.00
Total for Income	\$443.64	\$693.61	\$289.57	\$183.98	\$1,610.80	\$42,800.00	-\$41,189.20
Gross Profit	\$443.64	\$693.61	\$289.57	\$183.98	\$1,610.80	\$42,800.00	-\$41,189.20
Expenses							
Initial Training - Expense							
Total for initial training - Expense	\$212.33	\$445.77	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$908.10	\$3,565.00	-\$2,656.90
Operating Expenses							
Liability Insurance - D&O Insurance						4000.00	-4,000.00
Membership	64.89			123.16	188.05	736.00	-547.95
Outreach Online Misc	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00
Outreach Public	0.00				0.00	0.00	0.00
PO Box Rental	166.00				166.00	166.00	0.00
Secretary's expenses	0.00				0.00	150.00	-150.00
Square and Bank Fees	14.78	6.90	5.15	6.64	33.47	50.00	-16.53
Storage Unit Rental	103.00	103.00	103.00	103.00	412.00	1,200.00	-788.00
Strategic Planning worksheet					0.00	1,300.00	-1,300.00
Technical and Website	11.40	38.00	59.00	38.00	146.40	3,236.00	-3,089.60
Outreach General Marketing	361.92				361.92	700.00	-338.08
Outreach Interpretation							
Team			125.00		125.00	1,356.00	-1,231.00
Outreach Engagement Tools					0.00	3,014.00	-3,014.00
Subtotal Marketing	373.32	38.00	184.00	38.00	633.32	8,306.00	-7,672.68
Treasurer's expenses	3.05	86.98	7.99	3.00	101.02	200.00	-98.98
VP expenses	3.05	3.00	3.00	3.00	12.05	900.00	-887.95
Historian's supplies					0.00	0.00	0.00
Outreach Marketing					0.00	0.00	0.00
President Expense					0	0.00	0.00
Total for operating Expenses	\$728.09	\$237.88	\$303.14	\$276.80	\$1,545.91	\$17,008.00	-\$15,462.09
Plant Sale - Expense							
Booth Fee						500.00	-500.00
Equipment Upgrades						300.00	-300.00
Fees-Square						350.00	-350.00
Inventory supplies						0.00	0.00
Marketing						1,000.00	-1,000.00
Plant Purchase						4,500.00	-4,500.00
Plant sale Educational Material						500.00	-500.00
Plant Sale Supplies						200.00	-200.00
Point of Sale System						50.00	-50.00
Sales Tax	-2.20				-2.20	450.00	-452.20
Total for Plant Sale - Expense	-\$2.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$2.20	\$7,850.00	-\$7,852.20
Projects - Expense							
Balance for Misc projects						3,500.00	-3,500.00
Projects Expense						5,000.00	-5,000.00
Monarch Tagging						250.00	-250.00
Projects Expense SEED	300.00		36.21	965.02	1,301.23	5,000.00	-3,698.77
Expense	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$36.21	\$965.02	\$1,301.23	\$13,750.00	-\$12,448.77
Expense						200.00	-200.00
Total for Expenses	\$1,238.22	\$683.65	\$339.35	\$1,491.82	\$3,753.04	\$42,373.00	-\$38,619.96
Net Operating Income	-\$794.58	\$9.96	-\$49.78	-\$1,307.84	-\$2,142.24	\$427.00	-\$2,569.24
Other Income							
Other Expenses							
Net Other Income							
Net Income	-\$794.58	\$9.96	-\$49.78	-\$1,307.84	-\$2,142.24	\$427.00	-\$2,569.24

	VALUE				
Current Assets					
Reconciled Prosperity Bank checking	51,248.41	updated 04/30 per balance sheet			
Reconciled CD and MM at Prosperity Bank	20,882.13	Opened 08/09/2024			
Petty Cash in cash box	141.49	updated 09/23/2025 after plant sale			
Total Current Assets	72,272.03				
Fixed Assets					
Matagorda Video	3,000.00	Matches balance sheet			
Storage Shed	2,800.00	Purchase date 2020 at Airport			
Depreciation - 2.5% per year	-420.00	40 years			
HP Laptop - Treasurer 2018	449.99	Model HPLaptop 15-bs0xx, serial number CND7460JHW, resides in storage unit T13			
Depreciation - 20% per year	-449.99	First depr recorded 01/22/19 5 year depreciated			
Wireless Mouse and Keyboard	14.99	Medion Model 88122 07/23, SN 020128/23 Purchased 08/2023 Resides with Treasurer			
Depreciation - 50% per year	-14.99	2 year depr			
Lenovo Laptop - Treasurer 5/24	449.99	Model Lenovo Ideapad Laptop Model IP5 screen serial number PF4JEM5A Resides with Treasurer			
Depreciation - 20% per year	-135.00	Purchase date 05/24/2024 (1/2 Year depr in 2024) 5 year depreciation			
Lenovo Laptop - VP 12/25	429.99	Model Lenovo Ideapad Slim 3 Laptop 15.6" touchscreen, Model 15ABR8 serial number PF5PPQV7 resides with VP			
Depreciation - 20% per year	0.00	Best Buy Purchase date 12/20/2025 - 5 year depreciation			
Projector/Screen	1.00	For Outreach. Received via grant from Dow in 2016. Fully depreciated.			
VP Laptop and Case 3/2023	399.14	HP Purchased 2.23.2023, Model 15-dw0083wm, Serial SN CND2472yjn Resides in storage unit T-13, Wufoo 153			
Depreciation - 20% per year	-399.14	Fully depreciated. New laptop purchased 12/2025			
Square equipment	1,275.82	Resides in Storage Unit T-13 Purchased 1/10/2022			
Depreciation - 20% per year	-1020.66	5 year depreciation			
VP Monitor 3/2023	239.99	LG Purchased 2.23.2023, Model 34WL600, Serial SN210NTLE37296, Resides in storage unit T-13, Wufoo 153			
Depreciation - 20% per year	-143.99	5 year depr			
VP Owl and Case 3/2023	1,288.99	Owl Labs Purchased 2.23.2023, Model Meeting Owl 3 (MTW300), Serial M3FN33223239, Resides in sorage unit T-13, Wufoo 153			
Depreciation - 20% per year	-773.39	5 year depr			
VP Projector and Case	92.97	LED Purchased July 07.10.2023, Model XPE 998, Serial # not available , Resides in Storage unit T-13			
Depreciation - 20% per year	-47.10	1/2year 2023, \$9.30 2023 and \$12.60 every year after that until fully depreciated			
T7 Shield Portable SSD	64.94	Resides with Secretary SN S6SNNJOW605554 Model SAMUPE1T0SAM (MU/PE1T0S/AM) purchased 10/9/2023			
Depreciation	-64.94	2 year depr fully depreciated			
Laptop	209.99	Tablet for Outreach. Received via grant from Dow in 2016 per Kris. Fully Depreciated.			
Depreciation - 10% per year	-209.99	Fully depreciated			
Tables for plant sale and outreach	349.99	3 Tables for plant sale and outreach, purchased at Walmart 9/15/2025. In storage shed.			
Depreciation -50% per year	-175.00	2 year depreciation			
Lawnmower for pollinator gardens	269.54	Purchased 7/17/2025. Stored at Calhoun County AgriLive Garden Shed, 186 Henry Barber Way, Port Lavaca. Purchased at Lowes Victoria, Make Kobalt, Model KPM 1040B-03 40 Volt, Serial 003780, Date Code 0924			
Depreciation - 14.3% per year	-57.76	7 year depr - 1/2 first year			
Garden hose	73.59	Purchased 9/13/2025. Stored at Agrilife shed, Aransas County Airport, 421 John D Wendell Rd., Rockport, TX 78382			
Depreciation - 100% deductible first year	-73.59	100% deductible first year (4 months first year)			
Simple Mobile Hotspot	49.99	Simple Mobile Hotspot Stored with Square equipment in Storage Unit T13. Kool Storage, 2517 State HWY 35 Bypass, Rockport. Purchased at Best Buy, 16980 SW FWY Sugar Land. Purchase date 09/06/2025 Serial # 3510995011804470255			
Depreciation 100% deductible first year	-49.99	SIM card # 891 480 000 110 994 024 20			
		100% deductible first year (4 months first year)			
Total Fixed Assets	7,425.39				
Other Assets					
Copyright Aransas	\$6,258.80	Matches balance sheet			
Books - Guidebook to ANWR (324-36 -21 @ \$19.95 each) =267	5,326.65	Matches balance sheet, at ANWR, no change since Dec 2024. 247 as of 04/22 with IT class.			
Nature Walk Animal Skins and table, skulls	\$2,070.71	Purchased 4/12/2023, in storage Unit T-13, Bird Skulls purchased 09/8/2025			
Total Other Assets	\$13,656.16				
TOTAL ASSETS	93,353.58				
CURRENT ASSETS	\$72,272.03				
1. Maintain a register of each item of equipment owned by the chapter, including brand name, model number/name, serial number (if applicable), cost, where purchased, and current location.					
Depreciation recorded in January					

CATEGORY	2026 ACTUALS as of 04/2026
Revenue Per Worksheet	1,610.80
Expense Per Worksheet	3,753.04
Net Income Per Worksheet	-2142.24
Per P&L	-2142.24
Difference	-

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

139 Members eligible to report hours as of April 30, 2026

- ❖ **April: 77 members reported hours in 30 opportunities**
 - 1,518.75 Volunteer Service
 - 117.5 Advanced Training
 - \$37,633.75 Value
- ❖ **Year-to-Date: 102 members (73%) reported hours in 46 opportunities**
 - 5,214.25 Volunteer Service (211.75 from IT Class of 2026)
 - 535.75 Advanced Training (369.25 from IT Class of 2026)
 - \$132,250 Value
- ❖ **2027 Initial Training:**
 - 5 New 2027 Applicants
 - 4 Deferrals





*CUMULATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Since Chapter inception in 2000, 376 all-time members have reported hours in 76 different opportunities.

274,668 Volunteer Service Hours

28,722.5 Advanced Training Hours

VALUE @ \$23/hr:

\$6,977,981.50

* These numbers are currently under review due to the Volunteer Management System upgrade.

AT Director's Report by Bobbie Rankin



Outlook

AT Director report for May 9 Chapter Meeting

From Bobbi Rankin <busyb88201@yahoo.com>

Date Fri 5/8/2026 9:18 PM

To janethcunningham@gmail.com <janethcunningham@gmail.com>; ecsec.mctmn@gmail.com
<ecsec.mctmn@gmail.com>

Sorry I can't make it - I have an eye appointment in Victoria at 12:30 on Saturday.

My report is brief - 8 new AT opportunities since the Board Meeting Apr. 11th.

Upcoming "Assessing the Future of Ambassador Animal Programs" May 18th Virtual is the latest AT.

My time spent processing and researching these requests is 3.5 hours.

Thank you for all you do! Ele & Janet

Bobbi Rankin

IT Director's Report by Tatum Dunn and Margaret Durst

IT Directors

Tatum & Margaret have been working very hard on getting our latest field days put together & creating amazingly interesting trainings for our trainees!

We had our Coastal Bays, Estuaries & Barrier Island Field day Saturday, May 2nd upon the RV Katy & then continued within the Patton Center-UTMSI. We had some really great presenters from the Harte Research Institute, UT-Marine Science Institute educators & volunteers, Mr. Randy Bissell from the South Coast TMN program & current midcoast TMN members, Jeremy Miller & Brigid Berger help us educate our trainees!

Looking forward to our rescheduled Lake Texana field day on Saturday, May 9th, and then Palacious PMAR / Oyster Reef & Fisheries Field Day on Saturday, May 16th. And finishing off strong with our Graduation & Native Plants training in Goliad in June.

We are currently accessing & discussing changes which need to occur to our training program for next year, as we ran into many, many, mannnnny issues this year with scheduling & overall planning. To improve & make our program training run more smoothly, Margaret attended a round table discussion with state IT directors & got some great ideas to make us more efficient in our planning and we look forward to implementing them next year. Tatum has been working with IT directors as well as state educators in adjacent chapters to continue to explore new & more efficient ways to build upon ideas we want to improve upon in order to run our program with greater benefits for our incoming trainees!

We look forward to introducing lots of fun & exciting new ideas to build up our program in the future!

Projects Director Reorat by Greg Simmons

MCTMN Chapter Meeting, May 9, 2026

Projects / Volunteer Opportunities

- Year #3 of the *Pollinators for Texas* initiative. There is still time for a grant proposal if anyone in the chapter has some ideas and interest in putting together a proposal.
 - Applications opened April 1st, and close on Monday, June 1st at 11:59 PM.
 - Up to \$4000 in funding
- Next McAlister property cleanup/bioblitz is Tuesday, May 12 instead of traditional on 2nd Wednesday of each month
 - Contact Wilfred Korth
- Floating Classroom Traveling Bay volunteers (ongoing need)
 - Contact Brigid Berger 713-825-1929 brigidberger61@gmail.com for more information.
- Proposal for the MCTMN Board of Directors by Patrick Hartigan (April 2026)
 - TPWD State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP) which includes sgcns and rare plant communities (e.g., Live Oak / Red Bay Woodlands)
 - Recommended that MCTMN form a working group of members interested in ways to increase awareness of SWAP and incorporate it into chapter activities.



Communications Board Report – January 2026

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Committee's oversight areas as per our Bylaws

Hooks Baseball Game

Priority Need – Hooks Engagement Help!

- June 20th 7:05 - Father's Day Hooks Baseball Game – *Mary Pearl is attending!*
- 6 Weeks Out - Started small boosted ad yesterday

Let's come up with fun engagement ideas!

- Photo Backdrop for Dad/Kids
- Engagement Ideas Needed:
 - Who IS the Father? Identifier Game
 - Father Themed Giveaways: "Sow Seeds with Your Dad in Nature" wildflower packets
 - Your great ideas are needed!

Any takers today who want to help?
Raise your hand



Join Us for a Father's Day Weekend Celebration!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
Celebrating All Dads & Dads in Nature
TEXAS MASTER NATURALIST NIGHT
at a CORPUS CHRISTI HOOKS GAME!
SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
GATES OPEN 6:05 PM / FIRST PITCH 7:05 PM

GROUP DISCOUNT TICKETS
\$19.10/Person
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Join your fellow nature enthusiasts to celebrate conservation
<https://www.gofevo.com/event/Texasmaster2>

Whataburger Field
734 PORT AVE.
CORPUS CHRISTI



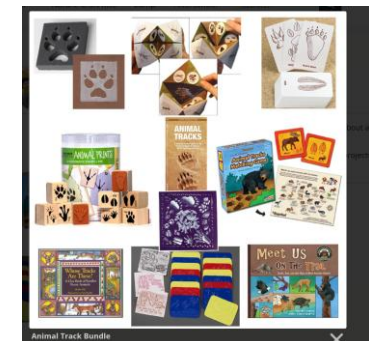
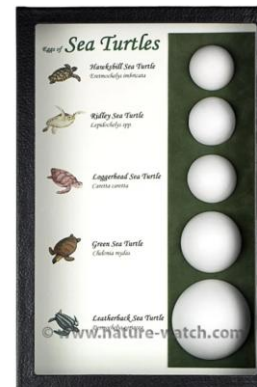

Outreach Inventory

Watershed Model

- Has arrived, and our Jr. Naturalist Kiddos enjoyed it!
 - We have 2 now – North, you can check out from Amy Nowlin / South from yours truly

Budget Approved Items

- I am now ready to start ordering
 - For a North and South Chapter Storage areas



Newsletter & This and That

Please get articles and photos of your great works and articles to Neli Spurrell

- She will be pulling from Facebook
- Contribute an article

Deadline is in a week!



Supported the S.E.E.D. team with Logo and Press Release

- Helped with logo and trucker hat merch
- Article will be in the Rockport-Pilot this week, and State will be putting out something



Website and Technology:

- We have a new chapter member interested in helping!

Plant Sale Report as of May 2026

- Booth space pricing has changed. We are now being charged the full cost that every vender is charged. With 5 spaces, 1 with electricity, it will be \$1130. (\$220 per space w/ no electricity and \$250 for the space with electric) Budget has been adjusted and this amount needs to be paid next week.
- We are working on bringing the plant list back to more true native plants for a selected area of Texas including the Hill Country. Patrick and Ernie are helping with that. The main goal is to remove exotics. There are a few plants that we have always sold and will continue to do so.
- All new signs and posters will be made. We have a few ideas that will not only help the customer but the volunteers as well.
- Debbie will be out of town a lot for family reasons and so I will be the main contact for the plant sale. I will be able you email and text Debbie for advice and support but she will not be able to assist in person this year. If you have helped with the plant sale in the past and would still like to do so I ask that you reach out to me so that all the pieces can fall together as they should.

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CATEGORY	2026 BUDGET EXPLANATION	2026 BUDGET	2025 BUDGET	ACTUALS as of 11/2025	2024 ACTUALS	2023 ACTUALS	2022 ACTUALS	2021 ACTUALS
Gross Plant sale	Hummerbird	17,500	16,600	18,296	14,872	13,408	13,138	13,168
	Ed Rachal Grant		10,000	10,000				
Plant Sale								
HummerBird Fee	Booth Space For outside space	1,130.00	380	380	150	150	105	0
Plants	Plants purchased	4,500.00	5,300	5,572	3,937	4,859	5,195	5,023
Sales Tax	Tax for sales other than 2 "free days".	450.00	600	450	397	452	132	374
Fees - Square	2.9% transaction fee for credit cards (60.0% of sales)	350.00	520	369	276			
POS Square Expense	One month of hot spot	50.00	55	50	56	44	250	0
POS Hardware/Software	Square purchase		0	0	0	0	1,026	0
Plant Sale Educational M	Printed plantcare handouts and educational posters	500.00	1,200	93				
Supplies & Misc expense	\$50 labels/square, \$250 misc includes Square refill paper \$15 less one month hotspot \$55	200.00	245	345	545	615	328	617
Inventory Supplies	500 gallon pots	-	600	278				
Marketing	Banners, posters, and social media boosts	1,000.00	800	918				
Equipment Upgrades - C	200 Carrier trays	300.00	300	742	0	500	0	0
Total Plant Sale		8,480.00	10,000	9,197	5,360	6,621	7,036	6,013
Net Profit		9,020		9,099	9,512	6,787	6,102	7,155
Including Rachal Grant				19,099				

Awards

Updated Awards following the May 9th Chapter Meeting

Initial Certification enamel dragonfly & plaque—Not presented: Frank Solis, Mark Croudy, Brianna Hanselman, Mary Wilkins, Sally Crofutt, Larry Green, Martha McLeod

Milestone Awards

250-hour bronze dragonfly—Not presented: Sandra Garcia, Tatum Dunn, Linda Daley

Silver 500-Hour Milestone dragonfly—Not presented: Janet James, Scott Swanson, Debbi Roskey

Gold 1,000-Hour Milestone dragonfly –

Polished Silver 2,500-Hour dragonfly – Not presented: Bob Friedrichs

Gold/Ruby 4,000-Hour dragonfly –

Gold/Diamond 5,000-Hour dragonfly –

Leadership Award –

Recertification Pins

2023 TX Ecoregions—Not presented: Kayla Clark

2024 Rattlesnake—Presented: Not presented: Chris Andersen, Laura Andersen, Kayla Clark, Judy Goodner, Martha McLeod, Scott Swanson, Gary Ward

2025 Roadrunner – Presented: Kathryn Geer-Miller, Chelsea Watson. Not presented: Bobby Garner, Melissa Gutherie, Jarrett Kernen, Martha McLeod, Shirley Richardson, Steve Simmons, Frank Solis, Marilyn Stewart, Scott Swanson, Gary Ward, Vickie Wilson

2026 Bobcat – Presented Kimberly Ballard (pick up by Brigid Berger), Julie Hejducek, Jessica Ruble, Robyn Savage. Not presented: Patrick Hartigan, Jim Case, Linda Daley, Margaret Durst, Amy Nowlin

MCTMN General Membership Meeting Attendance – May 9th 2026

Allan Berger, Brigid Berger, William Burge, Eleanor Chew, Robert Cunningham, Janet Cunningham, Steve Ferguson, Kathryn Greer-Mille, Julie Hejducek, Mike Hejducek, Patrick Henley, Cindy Hielscher, Wilfred Korth, Dee Mahaffey, Barbara Mathis, Jeremy Miller, Jessica Ruble, Robyn Savage, linda Swickheim, Chelsea Watson, D'Ann Williams, Janet McCrea (Z), James Black (Z), Sally's Phone (Z), VWilson0607 (Z), Kim Draper (Z), Beth Hudson (Z), Bill Blackwell (Z), Daleh (Z), Karen Lee Rystad (Z), Kimberly Ballard (Z)