

Big Country Master Gardener Meeting Association/Education MINUTES

Date: July 15, 2025

Time: 6:00

Location: Big Country Extension office – in person

Facilitator: Dawn Graham

1. Review:

- **June** meeting minutes, motion to approve as written **_Julie James_second _John Geib_vote** in favor
- **Last Month** treasurer's report (Kathy): **accepted as presented**

2. Upcoming events, workshops, community outreach, Volunteer opportunities:

3. Committee updates:

- **Awards** (Ann Clark): **Busy Bee: Ann Pierce; You Rock: Natasha Henderson**
- **Budget & Finance** (Kathy Turner): **Budget creation will happen in September**

Plant sale (Kathy Turner & Jackie Sledge) – No updates

- 2026 date April 5 - 12
- **2025 Fall:** (building reserved October 6 – 12)

Membership (Jackie Sledge)

- **June hours:** VOL (volunteer) **240**; CE (education) **174.25**; totaling **414.25**, reported by 45 Master Gardeners & Interns, contacts **45** reported in VMS

Projects (Jackie Sledge, Chair) committee met 6/10

- **Expo planters** (Kathy Turner): **plans for placement & planting TBD (*placed and planted currently*)**
- ~~**Thomas Elementary School**~~ – pending removal of MG raised beds July? **TBD**
- **Maple Street** (Rachel) Kathy is donating a lawn mower.
 - **DIY ant treatments successful, but terminated due to approval of EarthKind Project**

F. Recurring special events (Stephanie McKee, Chair)

- **2025 parties:** Fall 10/18, Christmas 12/09
- **Business/Education program:** **August: ElectroCulture; September: Climate Resources; October: EarthKind; November: Sewing**

G. Resource/Marketing/Extension office (Dawnyel)

H. Association updates – no updates

I. Nominating committee (Stephanie) will be meeting soon, possibly July

- a. **Committee in place: Stephanie McKee, Dawn Graham, Rachel Perkins, Jackie Sledge, Kathy Turner. Meeting scheduled for August 6, 5pm, conference room Extension Office.**

J. Advanced training (Jo) Turf grass Sept 4 – 5: **Natasha Henderson & Grace Broyles will attend.**

K. Programs

- a. **Library** (John): **August: Fruit Trees**
- b. **Saturday Seminars** (Kathy): **July: Bulbs & Cutting Gardens; August: Victory Gardens.**

L. Public requests (Jackie & Kathy) – no updates

4. Old business:

- **Policy & Procedures/By-laws**

- **Grants (2)** Being presented tonight, **7/15/25**
 - Kulani McDermott – Completed
 - Carrie Wright - Active

5. New business:

- **Chike grant** – monies were approved to be put towards the purchase of self-watering pots for Extension office. 4 Pots were purchased and received. **Pots have been purchased, placed, & planted.**

6. Open Forum: any questions/comments/suggestions:

- **San Angelo Conference, September 12, 2025, is open for Registration.**

7. Wrap-Up and Next Meeting Details:

- **Next Executive meeting** – August 12th
- **Next Association/education meeting** – August 19th
 - **August** Education topic is Electroculture gardening presented by Donna Wolfer

8. VMS: Don't forget to add your hours

- **For monthly Association Business meeting:** Association meeting - Complete remarks.
 - HOURS ___1___
- **For monthly Association Education class **before** meeting:** Association Meeting Complete remarks.
 - HOURS ___1___
- **If you bring a snack:** Other - Food. VOL (Volunteer) 1 Hour. Complete Remarks.

Email – BCMGardeners@yahoo.com

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Hour requirements: 20 volunteer & 10 continuing education

Adjournment:

- **Time: 7:58**
- **Motion: John Geib**
- **Second: Kulani McDermott**

Plants do not grow merely to satisfy ambitions or to fulfill good intentions. They thrive because someone expended effort on them. ~ Liberty Hyde Bailey