

Friends of the Big Empty

Minutes

April 22, 2025

6:05 pm

Online via Google Meet

Meeting called to order by: Alex Vukasin

IN ATTENDANCE:

Alex Vukasin, Marcella Barden, Exa Lee Smith, Cindie Kesler

Absent:

Becky Offutt, Jessica McDermott

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 18, 2025 meeting were read and approved with the following changes:

- Remove Newsletter section since it was not empty.
- Remove statement: Cindie to talk to David Trevino about tourism Grant and hiring a part time person
- Motion to approve with changes: Cindie, Second-Marcella, Passed unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

- 3/4/25 Alex notified all board members with Facebook accounts they are now Admins of the FB Page. FB may have also sent an email or notification. Everyone should sign in to their FB account and verify. Has each board member verified?
 - 4/22/25 Board members have not been able to verify admin access to fb account. Alex will try again on 4/23/25 and notify everyone. Please let Alex know asap if able to verify fb admin access. (except Exa Lee, she does not have fb account)
- Board members present decided not to go with Big Cartel for tshirt, etc sales. We will try <https://www.threadless.com/> instead. Cindie has experience with this company. There are no monthly expenses. Payment for service is taken as orders are processed. Marcella will work on setting up an account for us.
 - Marcella should close Big Cartel account.
 - Marcella should submit her receipts for first 2 monthly Big Cartel payments.
- Board will suspend Stamford COC membership and not renew until we are able to be more proactive and participate in the benefits. Cindie made a motion to suspend with Exa Lee second and passed unanimously.
- Review all board member's ideas submitted for photo contest rules as discussed at last board meeting. Remind everyone to submit ideas in writing to board members by 5/2/25 to give everyone a chance to review before next board meeting.

- Exa Lee's items tabled from last meeting:
 - Exa Lee hasn't been able to talk to Preston to provide info about the Munday Rodeo. It was uncertain if the rodeo is still taking place.
 - Exa Lee talk to Lions Club. Ronda has printed out the Featured Sponsor Questionnaire for article in a future newsletter.

REPORTS

- Treasurer – see separate report
- Website - see separate report
- Sponsors – n/a
- Facebook/Instagram – n/a

NEW BUSINESS

Photo Contest discussion carried over from OLD BUSINESS with a reminder to all board members to submit ideas in writing by 5/2/25 to give everyone a chance to review and inspire more ideas before the next meeting. We will focus on the current 12 county area: Baylor, Cottle, Dickens, Foard, Haskell, Kent, King, Knox, Stonewall, Throckmorton and Wilbarger.

Exa Lee ran into Wyman Meinzer and confirmed we can add him as a Notable Resident. Don Thompson has given his permission to use his Tri-County Magazine article as a starting point. Reminder there is a 750 word limit for the website article.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

4/26 Earth Day Celebration, Jim Bob Art Park
4/26 Knox Prairie Rodeo, Munday

CLOSE MEETING

A motion was made by Marcella to adjourn the meeting at 6:51, which was seconded by Cindie. Motion passed.

NEXT MEETING

May 20, 2025 at 6 pm at Cindie's office