



Mission: To share information and provide education to our members and community about bees and beekeeping. To promote responsible beekeeping practices through training and education, resulting in effective management of disease, pests and other environmental issues.

Elm Fork Beekeepers Association Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9, 2025

Time: 6:30

Location: North Texas Central College, 1525 W California St., Gainesville, TX

Officers:	Attendance	Other Board Members:	Attendance
President: Tim Branam	✓	Education Director: Byron Compton	✓
Vice President: Kimi Locke	✓	Director at Large: Tim Magee	✓
Treasurer: Kim Lester	✓	Communications: Connie Hutchins	✓
Secretary: Sharon Gillum	✓	Hospitality: Brandy Bonn	✓
		Hospitality: Steve Wilson	✓
Other Attendees:		Webmaster: Stacy Branam	X

President - Tim Branam

- Announce opening for Board positions for 2025 at the Sept. Meeting
- Kimi will be the head of the elections committee. There will be two other members on the committee
- The meeting for November will be on the 2nd Thursday of November instead of the 3rd. Three of the board members will be out of town attending the Texas Beekeeper Association Annual Meeting. We will announce the date change at least five times before the meeting. 1st the email reminder for the September meeting, 2nd at the September Meeting, 3rd the email reminder for the October meeting, 4th at the October meeting and 5th the email reminder for the November meeting.
- Vote for election to be held at the November 13th meeting. Kimi made motion to approve, Kim 2nd, all voted in favor. Motion passed
- We will be forming positions and committees for jobs that need to be done. Such as...Mentor assignments, Scholarship supervisor/sponsor, set up before meeting/clean up after, etc.
- We will make a list to post at a meeting for people to sign up to volunteer.

- The yearly beekeeping classes will be held on January 24th, February 21st and March 21st from 8:30 to 4:30. The deadline for registration will be December 31st. It will be posted on our website and a flyer will be distributed to members so they might post them for us.
- It has been suggested by board members and club members that we change the name of the Club. Elm Fork doesn't give anyone a hint as to where our association is. Most other clubs use the name of the County they are located. We have to explain that we are in Cooke County or Gainesville, Texas. People looking for a club in the area don't know how to find us. The proposed name change is Cooke County Beekeeper Association. We will discuss this with the members at an upcoming meeting before the end of the year.
- We hope to have the changed/updates to the bylaws done in time for the November meeting.
- The speaker for the September general meeting will be Daniel Cunningham discussing native plants for pollinators. He is the co-owner of Rooted-in located in Pilot Point.

Vice President - Kimi Locke

- Recommended that we be more active on our Facebook page. The name change will help people find us on Facebook.

Treasurer - Kim Lester

- **\$1,409.42 in bank**
- **500.20 in Paypal**
- **\$1,944.62 Total**
- **We currently have 83 members**

Secretary - Sharon Gillum

- Presented minutes for approval
- Connie made motion to approve
- Kim 2nd
- Motion passed minutes approved as written

Communications - Connie Hutchins

- Requested that Brandy get her detailed information on Daniel Cunningham so she can include it in the meeting reminder email.

Director at Large – Tim Magee

- Nothing new

Education Director – Byron Compton

- Nothing new

Hospitality - Brandy Bonn

- Nothing new

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25