

Local leaders discuss, pass policy at annual meeting

Coke County was represented at the meeting of the state's largest farm organization in December. John Ross Copeland and wife Meredith Copeland, delegates from Coke County Farm Bureau, traveled to Frisco where they helped shape the future of Texas Farm Bureau (TFB).

"Texas Farm Bureau is a grassroots organization. Every county matters, and the needs of the entire state are considered by the voting body as a whole," John Ross Copeland, Coke County Farm Bureau president, said. "We're proud to send people to the TFB Annual Meeting each year to ensure Coke County voices are heard and our concerns are addressed."

Voting delegates were unanimous in their decision to strengthen private property rights.

Seed certification, a program to promote the horse industry, and agricultural practices also topped the list of issues discussed by delegates.

The TFB Annual Meeting includes district meetings for members, a business session, exhibits from each company offering TFB members benefits and young farmer and rancher competitions offering prizes and scholarships to TFB member-families.

"It's more than a meeting. It's the gathering of farmers and ranchers from across Texas," John Ross said. "In some ways, it's a family reunion. But the most important actions are those that promote and strengthen Texas agriculture."

VP Beautification Committee hold's first 2018 meeting

The Beautification Committee of Vision With A Purpose held their first meeting of the year on January 18 at Pettit Insurance Agency. Those present were Nancy Wilson, Kelly Baker, Kaye Hurst, Beverly Hawkins, Dianne Hefner, Sheri Millican, Allyson Crenshaw and Floyd Pettit.

First on the agenda were possible fundraisers. It was decided that VP will hold a city-wide Trade Days (garage sale) May 5 in conjunction with Bronte's Trade Days. Two other fund raisers will be bake sales held May 11 and June 15 at the Robert Lee State Bank.

Farm Bureau! John Ross Copeland and his wife, Meredith, represented Coke County at the Texas Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in Frisco.

A budget was discussed for future projects. Monies will be needed for flowers for pots around Robert Lee, new brochures for purchase of memorial bricks, new flag poles and holders. Future improvements include two more lamps for Memorial Garden, banners on light posts, directional signs, and the building of a pavilion in Memorial Garden.

Kelly Baker and Allyson Crenshaw are working on brochures for new members, brick sales, and a list of current members. Membership dues will be addressed at the next meeting to include all VP members.

Flag flying days were discussed to decide which days they will be flown. New holders will be made to make it easier to erect and take down.

Anyone interested in helping with this committee or has any ideas are welcome to join. All help and ideas are valued. The next VP meeting will be Thursday, February 1 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center of the First United Methodist Church in Robert Lee.

RLISD Board Meeting held

The Robert Lee ISD Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. The meeting was held at 6 pm in Conference Room 119 at Robert Lee ISD.

Members present included Wes Washam, Beverly Sinclair, George Grim, Jeffie Roberts, and Irma Torres. Erin Oleksiuk and Tom Sawyer were absent.

At 6:05 pm the meeting called to order by President Washam and a quorum of members was present.

The invocation and pledge were led by Wes Washam.

Irma Torres made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2017, seconded by George Grim. All were for.

Jeffie Roberts made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Robin Allen and to approve the bills. This was seconded by Irma Torres and all were for.

David O'Dell gave the principals report; enrollment for grades 7-12 was 101 and attendance rate was 96% for the month of December. Lee



McCown gave the principals report for elementary; enrollment was 169 students and 95.3% attendance rate.

Item #7 was postponed by the Board until the February meeting.

Supt. Hood recommended approving Interlocal Agreement with West Texas Food Service Coop for 2018-2019. Irma Torres made the motion to approve the recommendation and it was seconded by George Grim. All were for.

Supt. Hood presented Order of Election for Board of Trustees for May 5, 2018. Irma Torres made a motion to approve the Order as presented and it was seconded by Jeffie Roberts. All were for.

Supt. Hood recommended to amend current school calendar with two early release days; March 29, 2018 and April 5, 2018. George Grim made a motion to approve both early release days. This was seconded by Irma Torres and all were for.

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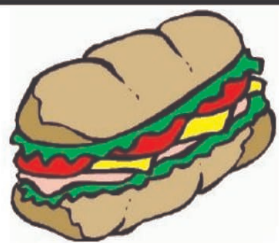
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