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The absent board member was excused.

There were no visitors.

The Administrator gave his report.

In the staffing update, there is a need for CNA's. There are currently 37 residents as of the meeting date, with 2 in the hospital at this time. The board was provided with an update on the QIPP program and things are running smoothly.

Danco Electric is still waiting on parts for the electrical work.

In landscaping update, area around the gazebo that will have artificial turf is all that is still lacking. The work is being done by Crosscuts Landscaping of Robert Lee, owned and operated by Logan Phillely.

Testing for Covid for everyone not vaccinated is still at monthly status.

The new telephone system has been installed and working very smoothly.

The new range for the kitchen has been delivered and installed.

The facility vehicles are being taken in this week for signage.

Invoice has been submitted for wind turbine money.

The financial report was discussed and accepted.

The Employee Handbook was tabled until the next meeting.

Future agenda items were discussed.

The board meeting then

adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be January 25, 2022, in the Board Conference Room.

Due to the early meeting date, the monthly calendar was not available, so a huge happy birthday to all the January celebrants and wishes for a happy, healthy 2022!

**ASU announces 2021 fall graduates**

Angelo State University conferred 658 undergraduate and graduate degrees on 657 graduates during the 2021 fall commencement exercises on December 11, 2021, at the Junell Center/Stephens Arena in San Angelo, Texas.

A full list of the graduates is available on the ASU website at [angelo.edu/commencement](http://angelo.edu/commencement).

Local graduates include:

**Robert Lee**

Jayli Bearden - Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies

**Bronte**

Tanner Braswell - Bachelor of Business Administration in Economics;

Ismael Cecilio - Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering;

Jerica Davis - Master of Education in Coaching, Sport, Rec Fit Admin

**Angelo State Announces**

**Fall 2021 Dean's List**

Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, has announced the students achieving the Dean's List designation for the 2021 fall semester.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time undergraduate students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The complete Fall 2021 Dean's List is available at [angelo.edu/commencement](http://angelo.edu/commencement).

Local students making the Dean's List include:

**Bronte**

Katelyn Bohensky, majoring in Engineering Fundamentals CE;

Ismael Cecilio, majoring in Mechanical Engineering;

Dayana Perez majoring in Spanish;

Melissa Perez, majoring in Accounting;

Johnathan Woehrl, majoring in Computer Science

**Robert Lee**

Joleen Frost, majoring in Agribusiness;

Garrett Knight, majoring in Animal Science;

Chelsea Wyatt, majoring in Psychology

**Blackwell**

Sam Brinkman, majoring in Management;

Dillon Solis, majoring in Criminal Justice;

Madison Solis, majoring in Health Science Professions

that promote the adoption of innovative water conservation practices resulting in improvements to irrigation efficiencies and soil health.

Projects that identify methods to measure and report water conservation performance metrics - such as water savings, soil, water, holding capacity and infiltration - are also eligible for funding.

Other projects that determine the long-term sustainability, feasibility and profitability of the conservation practices by quantifying returns on investment are also sought, as well as those that build on the success of existing agricultural water conservation efforts.

"This is an opportunity for [farmers and ranchers] to share their expertise, to actually look at innovative technologies and equipment, to be able to enter into and work on demonstration projects where the producer utilizes his own property to go out and actually move forward with a project and then share what he's learned with other producers," she said.

The funds are available to Texas state agencies and other eligible political subdivisions, such as groundwater conservation districts, groundwater improvement districts and regional river authorities.

Applicants may partner with private businesses and individuals on the project if oversight is managed by the eligible entity.

Jackson encouraged farmers and ranchers who are interested in sharing their knowledge or building more agricultural water conservation programs in their area to contact the local political subdivision and begin building out project parameters for a proposal.

The full request for application and instructions on how to apply for the agricultural water conservation grants, as

well as a list of previously funded projects, are available on TWDB's website at [twdb.texas.gov](http://twdb.texas.gov).

Interested applicants may contact TWDB agricultural conservation staff at [agconservation@twdb.texas.gov](mailto:agconservation@twdb.texas.gov) with questions and for more information.

Applications are due by 2 pm on February 9.

TWDB expects to notify grant recipients in May.

**ShareLunker program kicks off 36th season**

The month of January begins a new year and with it the beginning of the 36th season of the Toyota ShareLunker program when anglers across the state, and for that matter the nation, cast their lines and fish for Largemouth Bass in Texas' world class fisheries. The Toyota ShareLunker program has played an integral part in making Texas a destination for hundreds of thousands of anglers in search of this prized sport fish.

The 2021 season 35 was one for the record books. Last year saw multiple milestones reached and memories made by anglers and the dedicated Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Inland Fisheries staff that make the program a success. Anticipation is high for what 2022 could have in store for anglers across the state and the nation.

What better way to jump start the new year than to grab a pole and hit the water in search of a 13-pound plus Largemouth Bass. Nothing beats the feel of the line being cast, seeing the lure land on the water, and the anticipation of a strike from a possible fish of a lifetime.

"We are excited to kick off another ShareLunker season," said Toyota ShareLunker Program Coordinator Kyle Brookshear. "The Sharelunker program contributes to the selective spawning and stocking of these world-class offspring and also helps us gather vital catch and genetic data to help our

**Apply for TWDB 2022 ag water conservation grants**

By Jennifer Whitlock  
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The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is accepting applications for agricultural water conservation grants for fiscal year 2022.

Farmers and ranchers strive to use water responsibly and sustainably, TWDB board member Kathleen Jackson said.

"What we know is that the individual farmer is very efficient in terms of their water usage," she said in an interview with the Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network. "Farmers can

be up to 98% efficient, so they are great stewards of water resources."

Jackson noted \$1.2 million in funding through the Agricultural Water Conservation Grants Program is available for projects to help farmers and ranchers save water.

Throughout the program's 36-year history, more than \$100 million in grants and low-interest loans have been awarded. In the last five years, the 84 projects funded through TWDB's agricultural water conservation grants have saved nearly 500,000 acre-feet of

water, according to Jackson.

Some previously funded grant projects include demonstrations of conservation practices, educational outreach, purchase and installation of water-use monitoring equipment and irrigation efficiency improvements.

TWDB is looking for projects that quantify water savings through proven technology.

Field days, demonstrations, workshops and other activities that engage farmers and ranchers are also eligible for funding consideration.


The agency is seeking projects



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