



New Sign! Members of Robert Lee's Vision with a Purpose stand in front of the new sign on the Coke County Courthouse lawn. They are joined by employees of Stewart Signs. VP members gathered donations for the purchase of this sign.

Bronte ISD posts board meeting minutes

The Bronte ISD Board of Trustees held a Budget Workshop on July 25, 2013, at 6 pm in the Board Room. Those in attendance were President Shane Kelton, Jay Henderson, Blake Braswell, David McWright, Kay Styles, Ray Barnett and Alan Richey, Superintendent. Also present were David Bedford, Secondary Principal, Donna Poehls, Elementary Principal, Gina McCutchen and Nancy Cooper. Paul Williams was absent. Guests in attendance were Heather Middleton and Maureen Youngblood.

The Workshop was followed by a regular board meeting at 6:50 pm.

The meeting opened with prayer by Ray Barnett.

The minutes were approved for the June 18, 2013, Board meeting.

There were no audience items.

The Board approved the PDAS Calendar and the Code of Conduct as presented by the Principals.

Mr. Richey, Superintendent, recommended TAPS for Property and auto Insurance for 2013-2014. The Board approved as presented.

The Board approved the

prices for the 2013-2014 Athletic Season Passes.

The Dairy Bid was accepted from Borden and the Board approved the Elementary covered walkway proposal. The Board also approved advertising the old maintenance pickup and Ag hay trailer in the surrounding papers.

Mr. Richey, Superintendent presented a financial update, reviewed the Bronte ISD Ratings and the vehicle inventory.

The Coke County Certified Tax Roll was approved and the Runnels County Certified Tax Roll was tabled. The proposed tax rate was set at \$1.04 and the 2013-2014 Proposed Budget was approved. The Proposed Tax Rate and Budget Hearing was set for Thursday, August 29, 2013, at 6 pm in the Bronte ISD Board room.

Mr. Richey, Superintendent, informed the Board of the TASA/TASB Convention to be held September 27-29 in Dallas.

A motion was made to pay the July 2013 Bills.

The Board went into Executive session at 7:56 pm and resumed the Regular meeting at 8:25 pm.

The following teacher's resignations were accepted:

Francine Sallese and Kathy Lovelace.

The Board also extended the Superintendent's contract.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Texas Ranch Wins Regional Environmental Award

Frank and Sims Price, owners of the Frank and Sims Price Ranch located outside of Sterling City, Texas, were recognized as a 2013 regional Environmental Stewardship Award Program (ESAP) winner Thursday during the 2013 Cattle Industry Summer Conference in Denver, Colo.

The Frank and Sims Price Ranch is the Region IV ESAP award winner and will compete with six other regional winners for the national ESAP award, which will be announced during the 2014 Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show in Nashville, Tenn.

"We are proud of longtime TSCRA members Frank and Sims Price for receiving this prestigious award," said Pete Bonds, acting TSCRA President. "Frank and Sims' knowledge of cattle production and ranch management combined with their passion for conservation is an excellent example of today's agriculture stewardship."

Frank and Sims run the ranch as a partnership, representing the fourth and fifth generations of Prices to ranch in West Texas. In a normal year, they receive 18 inches of rainfall. These last 2 years have been abnormal,

with exceptional drought and devastating wildfires, particularly in their area.

Even though the Prices reduced their herd to protect the land, they still found lessons in flexibility during the adversities. Frank's experience with wildfire has allowed him to become a leading voice in Texas on inter-agency cooperation in fighting wildfires.

"What we leave for future generations is really important," said Frank Price. "The stewardship we practice on our ranch isn't and shouldn't be a mandate. It is part of our heritage, and we know it's something we must continue to do in order for our ranch and land to be productive." "In order for ranching to be profitable, we must be stewards of our land and resources. It's a responsibility that has been handed down for generations," said Sims Price. "Conserving and preserving isn't a new concept. It's something all of us have been doing for centuries."

The ESAP award is sponsored by Dow AgroSciences; the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS); U.S. Fish and Wildlife; the National Cattlemen's Foundation; and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

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Saturday • August 17th, 2013

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