

## **Minutes – 04/07/2026 – Garden Club Business Meeting**

Meeting was called to order at 10am.

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

- Minutes of prior meeting were approved as posted on the website. (<https://hsdcommunity.org/garden>)

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

- \$3,180.33

### **3. Old Business**

### **4. Operations Manager's Reports**

#### **East Garden – Steve Linder**

- Steve reminded members to remove tomato cages and other items from common areas. It hinders work such as mowing, etc. from taking place.

#### **Greenhouse – Bill Griffin**

- Bill reminded us the greenhouse is a delicate biosphere and needs to be treated as such. Bill encouraged shelf-holders to get out to greenhouse and inspect their plants. Bill stated that looking after your greenhouse plants is the best possible “fertilizer” for them.
- He also requested members donate hand shovels for the young people to use on *Take Your Child to Work Day* on 4/23.

#### **Far West Garden – Kay Hampton**

- Kay reported that all beds are taken. There are some fire ant issues that she will take care of.

#### **Cutting Garden – Sandy Balch**

- Sandy stated some perennials have begun blooming. She reminded us that the cutting garden is a good “outing” for visiting grandchildren.

#### **West Garden – Vicki Branscome**

Vicki asked West gardeners to flag where they have fire ants if they are in the garden bed. For those outside the garden beds, notify Vicki and she will create a work order.

Each garden manager has an organic product to eradicate fire ants. It is a slower process but better for the gardens and our environment.

### **5. New Business**

- The Projects List will be posted on the garden club website, <https://hsdcommunity/org/garden>.
- In May we will review revisions of the By Laws. The vote will be at June meeting. The main revisions have to do with the lottery process. The **proposed** by-laws will be added to the website within the next week.
- Our website: <https://hsdcommunity/org/garden>

- Peggy had a handout for RRV, rose rosette virus, that still infects some rose varieties. The handout is from A&M AgriLife Extension Services and gives a link to RRV information.

## 6. Other Business

- Vicky Aranda announced she has garden club aprons in blue, orange and green. They are \$25. This can be charged to Highland Springs account. Contact Vicky and she will get one to you.
- Delores said the safety tip for the month is to always have your phone with you in the garden. The aprons have large pockets that are perfect to hold your phone and other items used when gardening.
- A reminder that no longer does Highland Springs do paper cubby stuffers. The community is too big now; it saves on paper and the environment. The Garden Club follows that directive.
- The Garden Club often makes public service announcements for items of interest in the community. We do not make travel arrangements for these public service events.
- Delores announced there had been an email under her name that was a scam. The email, when opened, asked to have gift cards bought and sent. This was a scam and the email should not be opened.
- Update: Vicky and Delores met with Jennifer Fox and today all officers are meeting with Brad Harrington and other General Services personnel to discuss the Project List and the timeline for resolution. Delores hopes to have scheduled maintenance for items such as greenhouse HVAC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20am.

The monthly program followed the meeting: Guest speaker, Reba Collins, Master Naturalist, presented “*Attracting Butterflies & Hummingbirds to Your Garden*”. She had handouts with lots of information. The program was very informative.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, May, 5 2026, 10am

At the May meeting we will review the changes to the By-Laws

- Highland Springs Garden Club website:  
(<https://hsdcommunity.org/garden>)