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Jennifer Palermo

County Clerk, Hockley County, Texas

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF
HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court will be held on the 20th day of December, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Hockley County Courthouse, Levelland, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed to-wit:

1. Read for approval the minutes of the Special Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 13, 2021.
2. Read for approval all monthly bills and claims submitted to the Court and dated through December 20, 2021.
3. Hear update from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office.
4. Consider and take necessary action to approve Line Item Transfers for 2021.
5. Consider and take necessary action to approve an Ad Valorem tax refund.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF HOCKLEY COUNTY, TEXAS.

BY: *Sharla Baldrige*
Sharla Baldrige, Hockley County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board at the Courthouse, and at the east door of the Courthouse of Hockley County, Texas, as place readily accessible to the general public at all times on the 16th day of December, 2021, and said Notice remained posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

Dated this 16th day of December, 2021.

Jennifer Palermo
Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio
Clerk of Commissioners' Court, Hockley County, Texas



THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOCKLEY

IN THE COMMISSIONER'S COURT
OF HOCKEY COUNTY, TEXAS

REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021

Be it remembered that on this the 20th day of DECEMBER A.D. 2021, there came on to be held a REGULAR Meeting of the Commissioners Court, and the court having convened in Regular session at the usual meeting place thereof at the Courthouse in Levelland, Texas, with the following members present to-wit:

Sharla Baldrige		County Judge
Alan D. Wisdom		Commissioner Precinct No. 1
Larry Carter	ABSENT	Commissioner Precinct No. 2
Seth Graf		Commissioner Precinct No. 3
Thomas R "Tommy" Clevenger	ABSENT	Commissioner Precinct No. 4

Jennifer Palermo, County Clerk, and Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners Court when the following proceedings were had to-wit:

Motion by Judge Baldrige, second by Commissioner Graf, 3 Votes Yes, 0 Votes No, that the Minutes of a Special meeting of the Commissioner's Court, held on December 13, 2021, be approved and stand as read.

Motion by Commissioner Wisdom, second by Commissioner Graf, 2 votes yes, 0 votes No, that the monthly bills and claims submitted to the court and dated through December 20, 2021, be approved and stand as read.

Hear update from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Office.

RELEVANCE

IPM or Integrated Pest Management is a strategy of managing pests, including cotton root-knot nematodes, that is designed to meet an individual's production goals in the most economically and environmentally sound manner possible using a combination of control tactics.

The production of cotton in Hockley, Cochran, and Lamb counties accounts for over \$450 million in agricultural income annually. Expenditures on inputs is critical to the maintaining this level of production. However, each input such as those used to manage cotton root-knot nematodes must continually be evaluated for their value in the production systems, and the need to continually update and educate cotton producers of these management tools is critical.

The 2018 loss of Temik 15G for nematode management in cotton has been costly to the Southern High Plains of Texas. Root-knot nematodes infest over 40% of the acreage, particularly the lighter textured soils (Wheeler et al. 2000, Starr et al. 1993). Cotton lint losses for this region, in the absence of nematode control, are estimated at 26% (Orr and Robinson, 1984). In the absence of Temik 15G, other tools are necessary. It may be possible to improve profitability in the presence of root-knot nematode, using the new chemistries and cotton varieties.

The IPM Steering Committee in Hockley, Cochran, and Lamb Counties has determined that it is important that educational efforts be applied to assist crop producers and others with the management of cotton root-knot nematodes.

RESPONSE

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service IPM Program in Hockley, Cochran & Lamb Counties developed a series of educational programs which would help producers recognize the problem, develop a plan to manage the problem, limit the economic losses from cotton root-knot nematodes and manage current nematode issues.

This program was targeted towards approximately 250 cotton producers.

The Texas Pest Management Association contributed greatly to the success of program through the IPM Scouting Program and the Nematode Soil Sampling Program.

Dr. Terry Wheeler, Research Plant Pathologist with the Texas A&M AgriLife Research in Lubbock was instrumental in her assistance with analysis of soil samples and technical resources.

VALUE STATEMENT

Cotton Root-knot Nematode IPM

IPM is an information-intensive approach which depends upon an understanding of the entire production system. It uses several control methods to manage pests, including cotton root-knot nematodes, making the system more stable and subject to less production risk. IPM focuses on tactics that will prevent pest problems rather than remediate problems once they occur.

**\$2.9 Million
Benefit**

To the respondents from
Education Efforts in CRKN

IPM

Knowledge Increased

150%

In management of CRK Nematode
in Hockley, Cochran, & Lamb

RESPONSE

- West Plains Ag Conference on January 8th where there was 100 in attendance; I discussed the nematode situation in cotton here on the Texas High Plains, discussed current technologies and reviewed research we have conducted on new technologies.
- West Plains IPM Update newsletter articles in 9 issues of 17 discussed the nematode situation, management suggestions, and mitigation. Four hundred and thirty-nine received each of these issues.
- Applied research/demonstration of cotton varieties containing levels of nematode tolerance were conducted to evaluate fit for our cotton production system.
- Cotton scouting program with 18 producers provided first-hand management knowledge of nematodes including sampling of soil for nematodes.
- Facebook, IPM Audio Update, local NewsPress, Cotton Farming Magazine were included in mass media to educate about cotton root-knot nematode management.

All these efforts were applied to educating producers about managing cotton root-knot nematodes.

Evaluation Strategy

A retrospective post was utilized to measure the educational value of the cotton root-knot nematode management efforts based on knowledge gained and adoptions of IPM management tools. A total of 10 of 25 (40%) participants completed the retrospective post online Qualtrics evaluation sent out via email link on November 15 and closed on November 30.

RESULTS

Based on survey results from the 10 respondents:

- A 125% increase in those considering the management of nematodes in their cotton crop very important from before to after Extension education efforts.
- There was a knowledge increase of 150% from before to after Extension education efforts applied to cotton root-knot nematode management.
- The most valuable education effort was both the face-to-face with Kerry Siders (70%), and the West Plains IPM Update newsletter (70%). This followed closely by social media and the scouting program (60%).
- The respondents said that as a result of the educational efforts they achieved good nematode management results on 68% of their cotton acres over previous years.
- The economic benefit of this program equated to \$43.40 per acre.
- The respondents represented 6815 acres on average.
- So, just those responding to this survey represent a total **value of \$2.9 million from this educational effort.** (10 responses X 6815 acres/response X \$43.40/acre = \$2,957,710)

Summary

The value of the educational efforts applied to the management of cotton root-knot nematode was +2.9 million dollars to the individuals responding to this survey. The efforts increased the respondent's knowledge; they utilized a wide variety of means from face-to-face opportunities, newsletters, grower meetings, print and audio materials as well as social media to gain this knowledge; and it was very important in how they managed cotton root-knot nematodes.

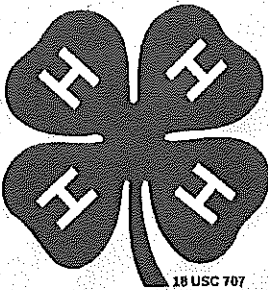


For More Information:
Kerry Siders

EA-IPM, Hockley,
Cochran & Lamb
Counties

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k-siders@tamu.edu

4-H GROWS HERE



Hockley County 4-H

Membership

130 enrolled 2020-2021

- ☘ Levelland 4-H Club
- ☘ Whitharral 4-H Club
- ☘ Sundown 4-H Club
- ☘ Ropes 4-H Club

Livestock Shows

Panhandle-South Plains Fair

West Texas Fair & Rodeo

State Fair of Texas

Tri-State Fair & Rodeo

Hockley County Junior Livestock Show & Sale

San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo

San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo

Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo

Rodeo Austin

The Patriot Junior Market Steer Show

Sandhills Stock Show & Rodeo

The Alternative Show

Achievements in 2020-2021 4-H Year

District Events

- Educational Presentation: 3 participants
- Fashion Show: 3 participants
- Livestock Quiz Bowl: 16 participants (4 teams)
- Livestock Judging: 6 participants
- Livestock Skill-a-thon: 4 participants (1 team)
- Food Show: 8 participants
- Food Challenge: 24 participants (6 teams)
- Entomology ID: 4 participants (1 team)
- Consumer Decision Making: 8 participants
- Soils Judging: 3 participants (1 team)
- Archery: 4 participants
- Photography: 8 participants
- Record Book Judging: 12 participants
- Junior Leader Lab: 18 participants
- Senior Leader Lab: 2 participants

Fundraising

Fall Drawing: \$3,000

Gebo's Cookout: \$2,000

Banquet Donations: \$3,000

Tractor Supply Clover Campaign: \$400

State Events

- Texas 4-H Roundup - College Station, TX
 - State Photography: 2 participants
 - State Livestock Quiz Bowl: 8 participants(2 teams)
 - State Soils Judging: 3 participants
 - State Entomology ID: 3 participants
 - State Healthy Lifestyles: 8 participants(2 teams)
- State Record Book Judging: 4 participants

Awards

2020-2021 Hockley County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held on August 29, 2021 in the Sundown Room at South Plains College. Over 120 people were in attendance to congratulate 4-H members, adult leaders, and supporters for hard work during the 4-H year.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Agriculture is one of the major contributors to the economy of Hockley County. Hockley County ranks 12th in the state for ag receipts with over 250,000 acres of cotton planted annually. In 2020 Hockley County cash receipts from agriculture were over 160 million dollars, with over 120 million of that coming from cotton production and cottonseed.

2021 has been a challenging yet rewarding year. Hockley County ag producers have proven that no matter the circumstances they will be the ones feeding and clothing the world. 2021 Has at times given producers some elevated pricing for a few commodities while fighting increasing input costs and labor issues.

Hockley County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension provided producers and industry personnel with results from multiple result demonstrations across the county. One of the most valuable result demonstrations provided to producers is the Hockley County cotton RACE trial. This trial provides producers with unbiased information on the production capabilities of multiple cotton varieties from the leading cottonseed companies in the region to aid them in their planting decisions for next year. Hockley County lost its RACE trial this year and was unable to reestablish the plot. Based on evaluations from previous years producers completed after the field day, the average economic value per producers was \$46,571.

In 2021 Hockley County AgriLife focused on cotton weed pests as a way to educate producers and assist them with management decisions related to cotton weed pests. At the West Plains Crops conference 96 producers were in attendance. Attendees stated based on evaluation results that they would economically benefit \$22.58 per acre. That correlates to a 2.6 million dollar impact that the program had for producers that attended and intend to adopt practices learned at the program.

The Hockley County Ag. Committee continues to sponsor and support the West Plains Crops Conference that has had a historic attendance of 96 participants. Also, this year, Hockley County AgriLife hosted a water well screening event for county residents. 42 samples were screened. 21 of those samples tested positive for Coliform (not at health risk level). 6 samples tested positive for E. coli. 5 samples were over the recommended nitrate level. 26 of the 42 samples were over the 500ppm Total Dissolves Solids (salt) level. Participants completed a value survey where they stated that the economic value of the testing was \$175 per participant which came to a total value of \$7350.

Motion by Commissioner Graf, second by Commissioner Wisdom, 3 votes yes, 0 votes No, that commissioner court approved Line Item Transfer for 2021. As per 2021 Budget Transfer recorded below.

From Amount	G/L Code	Account Name	To Amount
300.00	010-405-330	SUPPLIES	
	010-405-427	SEMINAR EXPENSE	300.00
1,100.00	010-409-202	RETIREEES HEALTH INSURANCE	
22,000.00	010-409-204	WORKERS COMPENSATION PREMIUMS	
8,000.00	010-409-311	POSTAGE METER	
	010-409-352	COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	17,000.00
	010-409-431	PUBLICATIONS & ADVERTISING	5,000.00
	010-409-482	VARIOUS INSURANCE PREMIUMS	8,000.00
	010-409-488	SMYER VOL FIRE MATCHING FUNDS	10,300.00
7,500.00	010-409-490	SMYER VF FIRE TRK MATCH	
	010-409-555	RETIREEES INSURANCE PAYMENTS	1,100.00
1,000.00	010-485-110	PART TIME LABOR	
	010-485-114	COMP PAY DA INVESTIGATOR	1,000.00
	010-485-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,081.00
	010-485-330	D.A. SUPPLIES	1,500.00
8,581.00	010-485-409	AUTOPSY	
	010-485-496	VARIOUS OTHER COURT EXPENSES	6,000.00
2,600.00	010-490-109	ELECTION WORKERS	
3,200.00	010-490-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	
	010-490-427	SEMINAR EXPENSE	250.00
250.00	010-490-428	VOTER REGISTRATION	
	010-490-490	ELECTION EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	5,800.00
650.00	010-495-108	PART TIME LABOR	
	010-495-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	5,399.00
	010-495-330	OFFICE SUPPLIES	200.00
1,690.00	010-495-427	SEMINAR EXPENSE	
254.00	010-495-481	DUES	
50,000.00	010-496-102	IT/RMO COORDINATOR SALARY	
14,495.00	010-496-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	
2,400.00	010-496-225	CAR ALLOWANCE/MILEAGE	
	010-496-408	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	66,895.00
	010-510-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	700.00
	010-510-395	COVID-19 SUPPLIES	10,500.00
30,200.00	010-510-440	UTILITIES ELECTRICITY & WATER	
	010-510-450	REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS	19,000.00
2,800.00	010-544-494	FIRE PREVENTION - SMYER	
	010-610-108	EMERGENCY MANAGER	9,259.00
	010-610-510	EMERGENCY MANAGER TRK MATCH	3,091.00
	010-631-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	259.00
	010-631-330	SUPPLIES	1,000.00
	010-631-420	TELEPHONE	70.00
1,329.00	010-631-427	SEMINAR & DUES EXPENSE	
1,169.00	010-665-201	FICA & MEDICARE	
	010-665-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	259.00
	010-665-454	EQUIPMENT OPERATION	910.00
	010-690-570	CAPITAL OUTLAY OVER 5000	24,000.00
	010-695-200	TIF FUNDING TO CITY	12,374.00
	010-695-406	HOCKLEY CO APPRAISAL DISTRICT	11,199.00
62,928.00	010-696-495	UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCIES	
	012-400-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	10,210.00
1,000.00	012-450-108	PART TIME LABOR	
109.00	012-450-201	FICA & MEDICARE	
	012-450-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	930.00
	012-450-427	SEMINAR EXPENSE	304.00
125.00	012-450-481	DUES	
1,517.00	012-455-108	PART TIME LABOR	
	012-455-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,517.00

500.00 012-456-204 HEALTH INSURANCE
012-456-310 JP OFFICE EXPENSE

500.00

	012-475-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,519.00
1,219.00	012-475-427	SEMINAR EXPENSE	
300.00	012-475-481	DUES	
	012-497-108	PART TIME SALARY	75.00
	012-497-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	528.00
	012-497-330	SUPPLIES	114.00
717.00	012-497-427	SEMINAR EXPENSE	
280.00	012-499-150	SUB STATION EXPENSES	
661.00	012-499-201	FICA & MEDICARE	
	012-499-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	2,181.00
1,090.00	012-499-427	SEMINAR EXPENSE	
150.00	012-499-481	DUES	
1,500.00	012-560-107	LONGEVITY	
	012-560-114	OVERTIME SALARY DEPUTIES	1,500.00
1,630.00	012-560-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	
	012-560-300	QUALIFICATION SUPPLIES	1,000.00
	012-560-427	LE TRAINING	630.00
	012-561-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	3,143.00
	012-561-408	INMATE MEDICAL	4,545.00
19,666.00	012-561-465	INMATE HOUSING OUT OF COUNTY	
	012-561-531	JAIL EXPENSES	8,178.00
	012-561-590	PRISONER KEEP	3,800.00
	012-570-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	853.00
1,715.00	012-570-351	YOUTH COUNSELING	
	012-570-441	UTILITIES/613 AVE G	862.00
	012-572-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	1,060.00
1,000.00	012-572-330	SUPPLIES	
60.00	012-572-427	SEMINAR EXPENSE	
10,210.00	012-700-400	UNFORESEEN CONTINGENCIES	
	014-641-410	RURAL HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES	10,000.00
10,000.00	014-641-495	OTHER	
	017-435-229	ASSESSMENT-NINTH JUDICIAL CRT	456.00
	017-435-333	VARIOUS OTHER JURY EXPENSES	15,500.00
	017-435-343	DEFENSE ATTORNEY EXPENSES	4,000.00
	017-435-400	CAPITAL MURDER COURT CASES	2,150.00
	017-435-405	COMPETENCY EXPENSE	35.00
22,755.00	017-435-408	COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS	
	017-435-427	CONFERENCE EXPENSE	614.00
18,500.00	021-611-113	ROAD WORKERS SALARIES	
20,500.00	021-611-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	
	021-611-330	MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	29,000.00
	021-611-425	MOTOR FUEL	10,000.00
5,250.00	022-612-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	
	022-612-441	UTILITIES R&B #2 COUNTY SHOP	250.00
	022-612-450	PARTS & REPAIRS	5,000.00
	023-613-445	MINING OPERATION EXPENSES	15,000.00
	023-613-450	PARTS & REPAIRS	1,500.00
85,500.00	023-613-496	CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS	
	023-613-573	CAPITAL OUTLAY OVER \$5000	69,000.00
3,000.00	024-614-330	MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	
	024-614-451	TIRES & TUBES	3,000.00
	025-615-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	187.00
	025-615-425	MOTOR FUEL	300.00
487.00	025-615-428	POOL CAR EXPENSES	
	035-650-310	SUPPLIES	500.00
1,000.00	035-650-427	SEMINAR & TRAVEL EXPENSES	
	035-650-590	BOOKS	500.00
20,000.00	072-673-103	ASSISTANT ARENA MANAGER	
	072-673-108	PART TIME LABOR	30,000.00
20,000.00	072-673-204	HEALTH INSURANCE	
	072-673-310	SUPPLIES	6,500.00
	072-673-315	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,000.00
	072-673-320	JANITORIAL SUPPLIES	4,000.00
	072-673-333	CONCESSION EXPENSES	19,000.00

072-673-420 TELEPHONE
072-673-421 CELL PHONE EXPENSE

710.00
30.00

	072-673-430	MERCHANT BANNERS	160.00
	072-673-440	UTILITIES	11,000.00
	072-673-450	REPAIRS	11,000.00
	072-673-460	SHAVINGS EXPENSE	26,952.00
	072-673-470	WRIST BAND EXPENSE	200.00
	072-673-484	CREDIT CARD FEES	1,900.00
	072-673-487	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	65.00
83,717.00	072-673-690	CAPITAL OUTLAY OVER \$5000	
	072-673-691	CAPITAL OUTLAY UNDER \$5000	7,700.00
	072-673-699	SALES AND USE TAX	3,500.00
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556,604.00			556,604.00

Motion by Commissioner Wisdom, second by Commissioner Graf, 3 votes yes, 0 votes no, that commissioners court approved Ad Valorem tax refund in the amount of Eight Hundred sixty three dollars and ninety cents (\$863.90) for Lereta LLC

As per Debbie Bramlet Tax Assesor

HOCKLEY COUNTY OFFICE EXPENSE

624 AVE H, STE 101
LEVELLAND TX 79336-3706
PH 806-894-4938



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DATE Dec 14, 2021

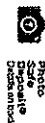
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PAY TO THE ORDER OF Vereta, LLC

\$ 863.90

DOLLARS



THIS CHECK IS DELIVERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS

12-13-21	PK 004740	acct. R99932	
	Overpaid.		

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DOLLARS



[Signature]

There being no further business to come before the Court, the Judge declared Court adjourned, subject to call.

The foregoing Minutes of a Commissioner's Court meeting held on the 20th day of December, A. D. 2021, was examined by me and approved.

Alan Wisdom
Commissioner, Precinct No. 1

[Signature]
Commissioner, Precinct No. 3

Absent
Commissioner, Precinct No. 2

Absent
Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

Sharla Baldrige
County Judge

Jennifer Palermo
JENNIFER PALERMO, County Clerk, and
Ex-Officio Clerk of Commissioners' Court
Hockley County, Texas

