



## **Official Minutes Second Cabinet Meeting 2021-2022**

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International  
District Governor Ron Miller  
Saturday, October 16, 2021  
College Heights Baptist Church, Plainview, TX

District 2-T2 Lions Clubs International held its second Cabinet Meeting of the 2021-2022 fiscal year on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at College Heights Baptist Church, 802 Quincy Street, Plainview, Texas. The meeting was hosted by the Plainview Breakfast Lions Club.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:39 a.m. by Dr. Jim Todd, President of the Plainview Breakfast Lions Club.

### **DISTRICT CABINET MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

The following District 2-T2 Cabinet Members were in attendance: District Governor Ron Miller; First Vice District Governor Doug McDonough; Second Vice District Governor and Zone 1D Chair Chris Edwards; Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain; Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross; Zone 1B Chair David Hardee; Zone 2A Chair PDG James Belk; Zone 2B Chair Beverly Ham; and Zone 2D Chairman Cary Eaves.

The following Cabinet Members were absent: Immediate PDG Ted Boyd; Region 1 Chair Robert Millican; Zone 1A Chair Vohnya Tongate; Zone 1C Chair Andra Gregory; Region 2 Chair PDG James Osborne; and Zone 2C Chair Mitch Grant.

A quorum of the Cabinet was present. (10 of 16 members or 62.5 percent)

### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Lion Dr. Chaoqun Huang of the Plainview Breakfast Lions Club led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag.

Secretary Dr. Paul Fikes of the Plainview Breakfast Lions Club gave the invocation.

First Vice-President Joe Berry of the Plainview Breakfast Lions Club led the group in songs.

### **INTRODUCTION OF 2ND VDG AND FIRST TIME ATTENDEES**

Lion President Todd introduced Second Vice District Governor Chris Edwards of the Brownfield Noon Lions Club. VDG Edwards recognized the four first-time attendees at today's meeting. They are Cary Eaves, Plainview Lions Club; David Hardee, Lubbock South Plains Lions Club; Sheldon Franks, Brownfield Noon Lions Club; and Tanya Noack, Olton Lions Club. He then introduced First Vice District Governor Doug McDonough.

### **INTRODUCTION OF 1ST VDG AND PDGS**

First Vice District Governor Doug McDonough introduced the 13 Past District Governors in attendance. They are: James Belk; Terry Hawkins; Vance Gipson; Jim Petty; James Norton; Terrell Thompson; Gary Linker; Wendell Dunlap; PCC Bernie Gradel; Carmon McCain; Duane Howell; Jere Smith; and PID Marshall Cooper.

### **INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT GOVERNOR RON MILLER**

First Vice District Governor McDonough introduced District Governor Ron Miller of the Plainview Lions Club.

District Governor Miller thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. He also thanked the Plainview Breakfast Lions Club for hosting today's meeting.

District Governor Miller served as Zone 4A Chairman for District Governor Robert Becker in 1994-1995. At that time, there were 65 Lions Clubs in District 2-T2. As of today's date, there are 37 Lions Clubs. He reminded everyone that club extension and membership retention ("Get 'em and Keep 'em") are essential to future Lions Club growth and success. Governor Miller asked those in attendance to look for areas where a new Lions Club could be chartered.

Governor Miller noted the passing of PDG Arlee Jackson, PDG Jim Jones, and Redbud Lions Club President Khahn Vu since the July 31 Cabinet Meeting. He thanked them for their dedicated service to Lionism.

### **SPECIAL GUEST – DISTRICT 2-T1 GOVERNOR JERRY WHATLEY**

District Governor Miller introduced District 2-T1 Governor Jerry Whatley and wife, Lion Cheryl, of Canyon, TX as special guests for today's Cabinet Meeting. He is the keynote speaker.

Here are a few key takeaways from Governor Whatley's remarks:

- Even though there are 16 different Districts in Texas – we are all Lions and share the same desire to serve others.

- Districts need to promote pride, fun, and enthusiasm among their members.
- Districts need a five-year plan to develop a project that all clubs can participate in. As an example, District 2-T1 has the PDG Jack King Golf Tournament benefitting Texas Lions Camp, the annual Coat and Shoe Fundraiser, and Lions Alert Disaster Relief. Of the latter, he said “You can’t believe the extent of hurricane damage until you see it firsthand. Our District’s Lions Alert Disaster Relief team was on-site following Hurricane Ida that impacted Louisiana. There was no electricity at the Lions Club building. It was hot, hot, hot in late August/early September. We slept in our pickups since it was cooler. We showered with a garden hose while standing over pallets. You hear about the division of our country—but we all come together during times of adversity and disaster.”
- For many years, the Dumas Lions Club held bragging rights for being the largest Lions Club in District 2-T1. However, the Canyon Lions Club now has more members. During his official visit to the Dumas club, Governor Whatley put copies of a news article about the Canyon club on each table at the Dumas Lions’ meeting room. “They didn’t like it at all when they found out they were no longer the largest club in the District. That rattled a few cages ... one member went out and sponsored 22 members right after that,” Whatley said. This prompted a membership drive between the Canyon and Dumas Lions Clubs this year. Other clubs have taken up the membership drive challenge as well.
- When approaching a prospective member – don’t ask “Do you want to be a Lion?” You’ll surely get the same old answer of “No” if you do. Have a recruiting speech in mind and tell people what Lions do for their communities and how they can help by becoming a member. During his August visit to Kerrville, International President Douglas Alexander told the current Council of Governors that Lions Clubs International has had 1.4 million members for decades. President Alexander says now is the time to change that!
- It is important to adapt and adjust to changing times. Don’t rule out cyber clubs and special purpose clubs as ways to grow membership and service. Special purpose clubs unite around a common cause. He told the group that a special purpose Lions Club is being chartered December 11, 2021 in Amarillo’s Barrio Neighborhood. The Club President said there is a need for the organization. “I was hearing from folks that wanted to join because they wanted their kids to be able to see someone like them in their community doing good (things).”
- District Governor Whatley shared the following path to 373 new Lions in District 2-T2:

Each club adds 2 new members in first 2 quarters of year =	74
Each club adds 3 new members in third quarter of year =	111
Each club adds 4 new members in fourth quarter of year =	148
<b>TOTAL NEW LIONS ADDED BY CLUBS =</b>	<b><u>333</u></b>

Two new Lions Clubs in District 2-T2  
TOTAL NEW LIONS

40  
373

- In his closing remarks, District Governor Whatley said District 2-T1 is challenging District 2-T2 to a membership drive. He noted that his District has set a goal of chartering five new clubs in 2021-2022. Of these, four are currently in the works.
- He shared the following “Bottom Line” ideas from District 2-X3 Governor Angela Cases:
  - “We have to adapt to today to be sustainable into tomorrow.”
  - “Be intentional”
  - “The cause is bigger than our comfort.”

### **TAIL TWISTERS IN ACTION**

Lion Glen Harville, Lion Steve Mackey, and PDG Jim Petty gave away several door prizes provided by the Plainview Lions Clubs. Proceeds will go to Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville.

### **ROLL CALL OF CLUBS**

Cabinet Secretary Carmon McCain conducted a roll call of clubs present at today’s Cabinet Meeting. They are: Brownfield Noon; Lubbock; Lubbock Hub; Lubbock Lip Lipscomb; Lubbock Llano; Lubbock Redbud; Lubbock South Plains; Olton; Plainview Breakfast; Plainview; Ropesville; Shallowater; and Snyder. *(13 of 36 clubs were in attendance or 36 percent.)*

### **MINUTES OF THE JULY 31, 2021 CABINET MEETING**

Cabinet Secretary McCain presented the minutes of the July 31, 2021 Cabinet Meeting at Texas Boys Ranch in Lubbock. There being no additions or corrections, a motion to approve the minutes as printed was made by PDG James Belk and seconded by PID Marshall Cooper. *All voted “aye,” and the motion was unanimously approved.*

### **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT**

Cabinet Treasurer Bill Cross presented the District 2-T2 Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2021. He noted that this statement does not include the Camp Bark and Brew event held September 19.

As of this date, District 2-T2 has \$26,210.11 in total assets. Of this, \$16,624.28 is liabilities. This includes \$7,880.37 held in reserve for Camp Bark and Brew reserve and \$5,751.91 held in reserve for travel funds for Texas Lions Camp attendees.

Actual income for July 1 to September 30, 2021 is \$19,585.50 with \$14,793.00 in total pass through income, which leaves a balance of \$5,582.50 for District use.

Total operating expenses for this time period totaled \$3,763.63, and net income is \$1,818.87.

A motion was made by First Vice District Governor Doug McDonough and seconded by Cabinet Secretary PDG Carmon McCain to approve the financial report as presented. *All voted "aye," and the motion was unanimously approved.*

## **PERMANENT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT**

PDG Duane Howell provided the following written Permanent Committee Financial Report. The Permanent Committee members are PDG Howell, PDG James Norton, and PDG James Osborne.

The written report shows the following account balances as of October 16, 2021.

▪ Scholarship Checking	9-30-2021	\$ 13,312.92
▪ Scholarship CD	10-1-2021	\$ 20,459.58
▪ State Convention Checking	9-30-2021	\$ 10,013.27
▪ State Convention 24-month CD	9-23-2021	\$ 12,976.78
▪ State Convention 12-month CD	9-24-2021	\$ 3,215.99
▪ District 2-T2 Reserve Fund (180 days)	9-16-2021	\$ 5,392.68

Receipts as of October 16 (2021-2022 Lions Year):

▪ District 2-T2 Scholarship Fund 2020-2021	\$ 2,781.00
▪ Youth Exchange 2020-2021	\$ 994.00
▪ Queens Contest Scholarship 2020-2021	\$ 0.00
▪ State Convention Fund 2020-2021	\$ 638.01
▪ Promote District 2-T2 2020-2021	<u>\$ 450.00</u>

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 4,863.01</b>
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There were 8 scholarships were awarded in 2020-2021	\$ 6,500.00
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There were 103 paid scholarships from 2004 to date	\$ 75,250.00
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There are 12 unpaid scholarships to date	\$ 7,250.00
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This report is for information purposes only.

## **REGION AND ZONE CHAIR REPORTS**

District Governor Miller asked the Region and Zone Chairs in attendance to provide reports.

### **ZONE 1B—LION DAVID HARDEE:**

- Lion David Hardee was recently appointed to replace Lion Gary Smith, who moved. He did not have a report at today's meeting.

### **ZONE 1C:**

- Snyder Lions Club has constructed several wheelchair ramps for persons in the community. They also conducted SPOT vision screening for more than 1,500 students in Snyder and Roby.

### **ZONE 1D—VDG CHRIS EDWARDS:**

- **Brownfield Noon** supports the Pak Pals program where they buy food and pack bags for about 400 students to take home over the weekend. They will also help the Brownfield Goodfellows purchase toys for underprivileged children at Christmas. They also host a food drive to help the Goodfellows provide food for elderly/needy families at Christmas.
- **Denver City** meets during the school year. No report.
- **Seminole** is busy with projects.

### **ZONE 2A—PDG JAMES BELK:**

- **Crosbyton** - no report.
- **Floydada** was busy during the annual Punkin Day Festival.
- **Lorenzo** conducted its flag fundraiser and has assisted senior citizens.
- **Matador** has assisted the food bank and school.
- **Ralls** had another successful year for its Rodeo.
- **Roaring Springs** - no report.

### **ZONE 2B—LION BEVERLY HAM:**

- **Levelland Noon** conducted a “Trunk and Treat” for the entire city.
- **Levelland Evening** assisted with Bark and Brew, gathered school supplies, and helped Ronald McDonald House.
- **Morton** donated to the South Plains Food Bank.
- **Wolfforth** - No Report.
- **Whitharral** had its annual “Taste of Whitharral” fundraiser. About 400 were in attendance.

### **ZONE 2D—LION CARY EAVES:**

- **Cotton Center** raised \$15,000 from their pheasant hunt. Their club assists the school with non-budgeted items and also supports their local FFA chapter.
- **Hale Center** has a community birthday calendar fundraiser that netted \$1,500 and a flag fundraiser. They made donations to the Food Bank.
- **Olton** conducted a “tennis ball drop” fundraiser which raised \$3000. They also had a pancake supper and did work at their community park that was built in 1977. Their club queen collected dresses for a “Prom Dress Drive.” It was very well received.
- **Plainview Breakfast** maintains a “little library.” They also conducted a gasoline raffle.
- **Plainview** is planning their annual pancake supper. Tail Twister funds are donated to local organizations each week. The club took a different take on the popular “flock of pink

flamingos” placed in yards. They decided to put a pink commode in a front yard—with a \$20 fee to remove it and a \$20 fee to honor others. Somehow, the local Rotary Club members were targeted for this fundraising project. This netted \$2,000 to \$3,000 for the club.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

District Governor Miller then called for reports from District Cabinet Members and Committee Chairs.

**CAMP BARK AND BREW:** PDG Terry Hawkins said the Sept. 19, 2021 Camp Bark and Brew was a success. Partners included Live Oak Animal Hospital and Two Docs Brewing Company in Lubbock. There was a lot of positive feedback about the event. She thanked all the District 2-T2 Lions Clubs that participated in the event. PDG Hawkins says she believes that this will raise about \$5,000 for Texas Lions Camp, Leader Dogs for the Blind, and World Services for the Blind. Special thanks to PIP Jimmy Ross and Velda, and International Director T.J. Tijerina and Juanita who judged the dog contests. PDG Hawkins noted that one attendee who had recently lost her vision was able to meet with Sharon Giovinazzo and learn more about the services offered by WSB. She said that, in itself, made the event worthwhile. The 3rd Camp Bark and Brew is set for April 24, 2022 at Two Docs.

**DISTRICT 2-T2 LIONS HEARING BANK:** Lion Glen Harville reported that the organization has not had an in-person meeting since February 2020. However, five applications for hearing aids have been approved.

**FIGHTING HUNGER:** District 2-T2 is promoting opportunities for Lions Clubs to fight hunger. There are many young people who need help. PDG Vance Gipson told the group that members of the Lubbock South Plains Lions Club and other volunteers recently sorted apples for distribution to 400 needy families.

Due to COVID concerns, the South Plains Food Bank will have a virtual fund drive again this year—rather than an actual canned food collection. Clubs that have a hunger-related project in December 2021 will receive a banner patch from District 2-T2.

**LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND:** PDG Terry Hawkins said Lion Dave Clark of the Lubbock Llano Lions Club is participating in a one-week, in-person Orientation and Mobility class at the Leader Dog campus. He will then train at World Services for the Blind and return to Leader Dogs later. She told the clubs that she is available to give programs about Leader Dogs for the Blind and World Services for the Blind.

**LEO CLUBS:** PDG Gipson said the Frenship Leo Club has 65 members – and has several new member applications outstanding. They hope to reach their goal of 70 members this year.

**LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION:** PDG Jim Petty encouraged all District 2-T2 clubs to make a contribution to benefit “Campaign 100: LCIF Empowering Service.” He noted that LCIF has raised \$250 million of its \$300 million goal. This is the last year of the capital campaign to ensure that Lions Clubs can increase their service impact, fight diabetes, and make progress in global causes, such as vision, youth, disaster relief, childhood cancer, hunger, and the environment. He said he is available to give programs to clubs upon request.



**MEMBERSHIP:** District Governor Miller reported District 2-T2 had 1,104 members at the start of the 2021-2022 fiscal year (July 1, 2021). Since then, 25 new members have been added and 54 have been dropped. This is a loss of 29 members which results in the current membership total of 1,075 members as of today.

PDG James Norton and Lion Glen Harville of the Shallowater Lions Club emphasized the importance of public awareness to Lions membership. Their club is visible in the community, especially during the annual Harvest Festival and Parade. The club had 24 members on July 1. Their current membership is 35, with two prospective members at the end of this month. Don't let your local club be a well-kept secret!

**NEWSLETTER:** PDG Carmon McCain said that a series of computer issues prevented publication of the October 2021 newsletter. These have been remedied and a November issue will be produced in the next couple of weeks.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH:** Zone 1B Chair David Hardee reported for PDG Danny Leake. He reminded clubs to get their contest applications submitted prior to the January 15 Midwinter Conference.

**PHOTO CONTEST:** Lion Beverly Dunlap encourages all Lions and Leos to participate in the annual District 2-T2 photo contest at the April District Convention. Contest forms and rules will be in the next issue of *The Windmill*.

**TEXAS LIONS EYEGLASS RECYCLING:** PID Marshall Cooper said more than 1 million recycled eyeglasses are shipped to Mexico and other countries each year. He noted that there are 16 Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers in the State of Chihuahua Mexico. Lion Mike Melcher of the Plainview Lions Club is District 2-T2's representative for the Texas Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center.

PDG Terry Hawkins said the Lubbock Llano Lions Club took over the SPOT vision screening. They recently screened 100 children in 1.5 hours. This saves school nurses' time and resources.

**TEXAS LIONS CAMP:** Lion Beverly Ham and Lion Joe Freeman provided an update on construction at Texas Lions Camp, which started October 6. It is hoped that the new dormitories will be completed by the first camping session in June.

**TEXAS LIONS FOUNDATION:** PCC Bernie Gradel noted that Lion Barbara Norton of the Shallowater Lions Club is the new trustee for District 2-T2. He noted that District 2-T1 had submitted a request for TLF to accept donations from other Lion Districts to help offset some of the expenses associated with their hurricane relief efforts in Louisiana. TLF has received donations from Lions Clubs in other states for disasters in Texas. The request was approved. To date, about \$12,000 has been received.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business for consideration at today's meeting.



## NEW BUSINESS

PDG Jim Petty and PDG Terry Hawkins conducted a fundraiser to benefit LCIF Campaign 100. Initially, Team Petty raised \$163 and Team Hawkins raised \$117 for a total of \$280. However, some additional checks totaling \$500 raised the amount to \$663 for Team Petty. The final total raised was \$780.

## FINAL COMMENTS AND ADJOURN

District Governor Miller reminded all Lions that the annual Midwinter Conference is January 15, 2022 at the South Plains Church of Christ, 6802 Elkhart Avenue, in Lubbock. Lubbock South Plains Lions Club and Lubbock Hub Lions Club are hosts for the event.

The District Convention is April 29-30 at College Heights Baptist Church in Plainview. The Plainview Lions Club is host for the event.

Approximately \$185 was raised by the Tail Twisters for Texas Lions Camp. In addition, an honorarium in District Governor Whatley's name was made by District 2-T2 in appreciation for his remarks.

District Governor Miller thanked the Plainview Breakfast Lions Club and College Heights Baptist Church for hosting today's meeting.

There being no other business, District Governor Miller adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.

Lunch was catered by Cotton Patch Restaurant of Plainview.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Carmon E. McCain*

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Lion PDG Carmon E. McCain  
2021-2022 Cabinet Secretary