Palo Pinto County Office



July 8, 2024

Dr. Beau Rees Superintendent Weatherford ISD 1100 Longhorn Drive Weatherford, TX 76086

Dear Dr. Rees,

On behalf of the 4-H members of Palo Pinto County, we hereby respectfully request that the 4-H organization, by the attached resolution, be sanctioned as an extracurricular activity. We also request that we be recognized as adjunct staff members and to count students participating in 4-H/Extension educational activities in attendance.

The enclosed resolutions should be presented for consideration at the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Weatherford Independent School District. We further request that questions regarding these resolutions be directed to us in a timely manner so that we may prepare and present an appropriate response so as not to delay action on this request.

Finally, we request that a signed copy of both resolutions, along with a copy of the minutes of the Board meeting, be forwarded to us for our files.

Thank you and members of the Board of Trustees for your consideration of this request and for your continued support of the 4-H program in Palo Pinto County.

Sincerely,

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Lynette Babcock County Extension Agent Family & Community Health Palo Pinto County

Enclosures

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Jason Westbrook County Extension Agent Agriculture & Natural Resources Palo Pinto County

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Educational programs of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or veteran status The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating

RESOLUTION regarding EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION

Be it hereby resolved that upon this date, the duly elected Board of Trustees of the

Weatherford Independent School District

meeting in public with a quorum present and certified, did adopt this resolution that recognizes the Palo Pinto County Texas 4-H Organization as approved for recognition and eligible for extracurricular status consideration under 19 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 76.1, pertaining to extracurricular activities.

Participation by 4-H members under the provisions of this resolution is subject to all rules and regulations set forth under the 19 Texas Administrative Code as interpreted by this Board and designated officials of this school district.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension will request academic eligibility for all 4-H competitive activities, regardless if a school absence is or is not required, and for non-competitive purposes when an absence is required.

Approved this <u>12th</u> day of <u>August</u> 2024.

(For the Board of Trustees) Mike Guest, President

(Superintendent) Dr. Beau Rees

RESOLUTION ADJUNCT FACULTY APPOINTMENT

PALO PINTO COUNTY 4-H EXTRACURRICULAR STATUS OF 4-H ORGANIZATION

Adjunct faculty status is granted to all members of the current county Extension faculty, who meet the eligibility requirements for participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and have a minimum of a bachelor's degree. The county Extension staff will annually provide a current list of adjunct faculty to the appropriate officials on or before request of completion of Declaration of Eligibility Forms. If the faculty changes, the list shall be edited by the county Extension staff and forwarded to the appropriate officials. This appointment is subject to the following conditions and provisions of such appointment, to wit:

- 1. Adjunct faculty member will receive no compensation, salary, or remuneration from Weatherford ISD.
- 2. Adjunct faculty member is and shall remain an employee, in good standing, of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.
- 3. Adjunct faculty member shall be under the direction of the District 3 Extension Administrator.
- 4. Adjunct faculty member shall receive all group insurance benefits, workman's compensation insurance benefits, unemployment insurance, and any/all other plans for the benefit of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service employees. District shall have no responsibility for any of such benefits or plans.

Adjunct faculty members shall direct the activities and participation of students of the school district in sponsored and approved activities as designated from time to time by adjunct faculty member for which notice shall be given to School District administrative personnel. Adjunct faculty members' activities and participation with students of the School District are directed, supervised, and controlled by and through supervisory personnel of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service pursuant to the supervisory authority of the District Extension Administrator. Adjunct faculty member(s) is not the employee of the School District, and School District does not nor shall not supervise, direct, or control the activities and/or participation of such Palo Pinto County Extension Agents who have been herein designated as an adjunct faculty member.

This appointment is made by the Weatherford Independent School District by and through the action of the Board of Trustees of said District for the benefit of allowing voluntary student participation in programs conducted by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in recognition of the educational benefits arising from such participation and activities and/or directed by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. This appointment is made in accordance with the provisions of Section 129.21 (j)(1) of the Texas Administrative Code authorizing the school to deem such participating students in attendance for Foundation School Program purposes.

This appointment of the Palo Pinto County Extension Agents (Extension employees) is not intended nor shall be construed as a waiver of any claim or defense of sovereign or governmental immunity from liability now possessed by the Weatherford Independent School District or any of its employees, agents, officers, and/or board members in the performance of governmental functions.

Approved this <u>12th</u> day of <u>August</u>, 2024.

(For the Board of Trustees) Mike Guest, President

(Superintendent) Dr. Beau Rees

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ADJUNCT FACULTY APPOINTMENT

Palo Pinto County requests adjunct staff member status for the county Extension agents for the school year 2024-2025. The following faculty members are eligible for participation in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and have a minimum of a bachelor's degree.

Name	Title	Degrees
Jason Westbrook	County Extension Agent	Master of Science, Teaching Agricultural Education
	Agriculture & Natural Resources	Tarleton State University 1993
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		Tarleton State University
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Lynette Babcock	County Extension Agent	Master of Science, Agriculture Science
	Family & Community Health	Texas A&M University – Kingsville
		August 2010
		Bachelor of Science, Human Development & Family Studies
		Texas Tech University
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