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TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

4/11/2019

A meeting of the Tennessee Forestry Commission was held at PCA Woodlands Office Conference Room in Counce, TN, April 10, 2019.

Participants were:

Forestry Commission Members: Bob Qualman, Chairman; Johnny Heard, Vice-Chairman; Tom Midyett, Secretary; Charles Daugherty John Charles Wilson and Alex Richman (via conference call)

Forestry Commission Ex-Officio Members:

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation: David Salyers, Commissioner (not present)

Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA): Ed Carter, Director (not present)

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA): Charlie Hatcher, Commissioner (not present)

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF): David Arnold, State Forester; David Todd, Assistant State Forester; Heather Slayton, Assistant State Forester; John Conn, Reforestation Unit Leader

Tennessee Forestry Association: Candace Dinwiddie, Executive Director

Packaging Corporation of America (PCA): Richard Holland, Will Conrad

Chairman Bob Qualman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The roll was called at 9:06 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the January 8, 2019 meeting

Minutes from the January 8th, 2019 meeting were reviewed and discussed. No additions or edits were recommended.

A motion was made by John Charles Wilson to approve the minutes as presented. Tom Midyett seconded to the motion. Motion passed.

- David Arnold stated that minutes will be posted to Forestry Commission website
- David Arnold proposed a template of how minutes should be recorded in the future.



OLD BUSINESS

None:

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Qualman officially thanked John Conn for his service to the Division and his guidance to the Forestry Commission. John Conn is retiring from Tennessee Division of Forestry on April 17th.

Bob Qualman made a motion to thank John Conn for his years of service to the Division and his guidance to the Forestry Commission, Charles Daugherty seconded; motion passed.

Approval of Nursery Seedling Prices

David Arnold, John Conn, and Heather Slayton provided discussion and information that led to seedling price recommendations for the 2019-2020 growing season.

Handouts were presented

- *Comparison of Seedling Prices*
- *Proposed Seedling Prices for the 2019-2020 Season*

A motion was made by Tom Midyett to approve the recommended Nursery Seedling Prices. Charles Daugherty seconded to approve the Nursery Seedling Prices. Motion passed.

Appoint Subcommittee to Nominate Commission Officers

Chairman Qualman appointed Charles Daugherty, Alex Richman and Mike Witt to a subcommittee to nominate Commission Officers.

Special Guest

Will Conrad, lead procurement forester for packaging Corporation of America, spoke to the Commission about PCA'S perspective of forestry in this area and his opinion on future trends.

Chairman Qualman requested PCA consider issuing a statement saying they seek out Tree Farm certified wood. He stated Tennessee private landowners need to be encouraged to obtain a management plan, implement it, and become certified under the Tree Farm program, because FIA data shows a significant decline in forest quality in recent years due to non-management of private forestland.



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Program Updates.

- David Arnold provided an update on the Division's budget.
- David Arnold provided an update and video on Incident Management Team (IMT) training progress.
- David Arnold provided a report and video on the Customer Focused Government staff tour of Standing Stone State Forest.
- Heather Slayton provided a report on Division hiring activity since the previous Commission meeting.
- David Todd provided a report on state forest timber sales revenue and planning.
- David Todd provided a report on fiResponse implementation.

Future Meeting Dates

- June 4, 2019 – Approve nursery seedling production and approval of Commission officers (first Tuesday in June)
- September 4, 2019 – Approve Division budget (first Wednesday in September)
- January 7, 2020 – Discuss budget, timber sales (first Tuesday in January)
- April 7, 2020 – Approve Nursery seedling pricing and appoint sub-committee to nominate Commission officers (first Tuesday in April)

Chairman Bob Qualman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Daugherty seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 12:03 PM CST.