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TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6/4/2019

A meeting of the Tennessee Forestry Commission was held at TWRA EAC Office Conference Room in Nashville, TN, June 4, 2019.

Participants:

Forestry Commission Members: Bob Qualman, Chairman; Johnny Heard, Vice-Chairman; Tom Midyett, Secretary; Charles Daugherty; Alex Richman; and Mike Whitt

Others present:

Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA): Brian Chandler, Forest Management Program Leader

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA): Tom Womack, Deputy Commissioner; Shannon Klonowski, Fiscal & Administrative Services Coordinator

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF): David Arnold, State Forester; David Todd, Assistant State Forester; Heather Slayton, Assistant State Forester; Gina Sowders, Reforestation Unit Leader; Tim Phelps, Forestry Communications & Outreach Unit Leader

Tennessee Forestry Association: Candace Dinwiddie, Executive Director

Governor's office of Customer Focused Government: Roger Waynick, Management Consultant

Special Guest: Kevin Key, Metro Nashville Tree Advisory Committee

Chairman Bob Qualman welcomed everyone to the meeting. The roll was called at 9:05 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting

- David Arnold stated that minutes will be posted to Forestry Commission website
- David Arnold reviewed the new minute's format.

Bob Qualman stated all comments were added to minutes and a motion was made by Johnny Heard to approve the minutes as presented. Charles Daugherty seconded to the motion. Motion passed.



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Approval of Commission Officers

As chair of the nominations committee, Charles Daugherty provided the following nominations for Commission officers:

Johnny Heard, Chairman; Tom Midyett, Vice Chairman; and John Charles Wilson, Secretary

A motion was made by Charles Daugherty to approve the Commission Officers. Mike Whitt seconded to motion. Motion passed

Approval of Nursery Seedling Production Numbers

David Arnold introduced and welcomed Gina Sowders as the new Reforestation Unit Leader.

Heather Slayton and Gina Sowders provided discussion and information that led to seedling production number recommendations for the 2020-2021 growing season.

A motion was made by Charles Daugherty to approve seedling production recommendations as presented. Bob Qualman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Handouts:

- Seedlings Production Summary
- Seedling Order Form

A motion was made by Bob Qualman to move Nursery Seedling Production Numbers from June 4, 2019 meeting to April 7, 2020 meeting. Charles Daugherty seconded to motion. Motion passed.

Governor's Office of Customer Focused Government (CFG)

Roger Waynick Management Consultant with the Governor's Office of Customer Focused Government (CFG), and Heather Slayton provided discussion and information concerning the Division's collaboration with CFG on the development of a 5-year business plan at the East Tennessee nursery.

Review Strategic Plan

Heather Slayton provided discussion and information concerning the Division's new 5-year



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strategic plan.

Handout:

- Tennessee Division of Forestry 5-Year Strategic Plan

White Oak Initiative Update

Alex Richman provided information and discussion concerning the multi-state, multi-organization White Oak Initiative. The goal of the initiative is to ensure sustainability of the white oak resource.

Handout:

- White Oak Initiative

Program Updates

- SGSF Meeting

Phelps

Tim Phelps provided an update on progress in hosting the Southern Group of State Forester's summer meeting in Franklin, TN.

- USFS Good Neighbor Authority

Slayton

Heather Slayton provided an update on the Division entering into a Good Neighbor Authority (GNA) with the Cherokee National Forest (CNF). The GNA will allow the Division to partner with CNF on work needs. CNF will pay for the services provided by the Division.

- Western fire assignment detail preparations

Arnold

David Arnold provided an update on the status of Division employees for deployment on western wildfires. Personnel are positioned and ready to deploy once a resource order is received.

- Upcoming IMT training

Arnold

David Arnold provided an update on upcoming incident management team training. Training events are scheduled for June and August.

- Cedars of Lebanon jurisdictional transfer

Todd

David Todd provided information on jurisdictional transfer of Cedars of Lebanon



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State Forest acres west of highway 213 to TDEC Division of State Parks.

Handout:

- Cedars of Lebanon State Lands map

- Timber Sale Revenue

Todd

David Todd provided year to date state forest timber sales revenue information.

Closing Comments

- Candace Dinwiddie, Executive Director of the Tennessee Forestry Association noted:
 - Appreciation for the Department of Agriculture grant to support PLT and conservation programs.
 - TN Master Logger 5 Day Initial Course Starts in Crossville on 6/12/2019
- Alex Richman noted International Biomass Conference being held February 3-5, 2020 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort & Convention Center, Nashville, TN. Division of Forestry staff and members from the Commission should consider attending.
- Charles Daughtery announced he will not be filling a second term on the Commission.

Future Meeting Dates

- 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)
- June 2, 2020 - Approve Nursery seedling production and approval of Commission officers. (first Tuesday in June).

Charles Daughtery made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alex Richman seconded motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 AM CST.