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## TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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9/8/2021

Tennessee Forestry Commission meeting was held at the East Tennessee Nursery in Delano, TN, September 7, 2021

### Participants:

**Forestry Commission Members:** Johnny Heard, Chairman; Tom Midyett, Vice Chairman; John Charles Wilson, Secretary; Alex Richman (attended remotely via TEAMS), Mike Witt, Sharon Jean-Philippe

### Forestry Commission Ex-Officio Members:

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

**Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA):** Tom Womack, Deputy Commissioner; Shannon Klonowski, Assistant Commissioner (both attended remotely via TEAMS)

**Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF):** David Arnold, State Forester; Heather Slayton, Assistant State Forester; Rachel Greene; Forest Data and Analysis Unit Leader; Gina Sowders, Reforestation Unit Leader; Wade Waters, Assistant State Forester (attended remotely via TEAMS); Dyshea Brown, Executive Administrative Assistant (attended remotely via TEAMS)

**Tennessee General Assembly:** Representative Dan Howell

**PCA:** Brittany Hull

Chairman Johnny Heard welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting began at 10:05 a.m. CDT

### Roll Call

***Johnny Heard motioned to acknowledge having a quorum of members with one member participating remotely. John Charles Wilson seconded the motion. All Commission members voted yes to approve: Johnny Heard, Tom Midyett, John Charles Wilson, Mike Witt, and Sharon Jean-Philippe. The motion passed. Meeting can be conducted.***



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## Approval of the Minutes of the June 9, 2021 meeting

***Tom Midyett motioned to approve minutes as presented. John Charles Wilson seconded the motion. All Commission members voted yes to approve: Johnny Heard, Tom Midyett, John Charles Wilson, Mike Witt, Sharon Jean-Philippe and Alex Richman (remotely). The motion passed.***

## Review FY2021, FY2022 and FY2023 budget

Heather Slayton

- Budget review handout was provided to commission members. Reviewed FY2021 expenditures and revenue. Reviewed FY2022 budget which the division is operating under currently as of July 1, 2021. Reviewed of FY2023 draft budget reduction and expansion plan which will include capital projects and expansion request.

## Approval of the FY2023 budget

***Tom Midyett motioned to approve budget as presented. John Charles Wilson seconded the motion. All Commission members voted yes to approve: Johnny Heard, Tom Midyett, John Charles Wilson, Mike Witt, Sharon Jean-Philippe and Alex Richman (remotely). The motion passed.***

## Future discussion at next Commission meeting

- The possibility of changing the name of the Forestry Division to The Division of Forestry and Fire Protection. Tom Midyett would like to table this discussion for the next scheduled Commission meeting.

## Future Meeting Dates

- January 11, 2022 – Discuss budget, timber sales (second Tuesday in January).
- April 5, 2022 – Approve Nursery seedling pricing/production and appoint sub-committee to nominate Commission officers (first Tuesday in April).
- June 8, 2022 – Approval of Commission officers (second Wednesday in June).
- September 7, 2022 - Approve Division Budget (first Wednesday in September)

***Tom Midyett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Witt seconded the motion. Commission members voted yes to adjourn: Johnny Heard, John Charles Wilson, Mike Witt,***



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***Sharon Jean-Philippe, Tom Midyett and Alex Richman(remotely). The Meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM EST.***