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TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

2/23/2023

**Tennessee Forestry Commission special meeting was held virtually,
February 23, 2023**

Participants:

Forestry Commission Members: Tom Midyett, Chairman; John Charles Wilson, Vice Chairman; Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe, Alex Richman, Bill Legg, Drew Getty.

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF): David Arnold, State Forester.

Non-voting members: Jay Miller, TDA, Legal Counsel; Dyshea Brown, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Chairman Tom Midyett welcomed everyone to the meeting. Meeting time started at 10:07AM CDT

Purpose for the special meeting

- Chairman Midyett stated the purpose for the special meeting is to address a TDF budget issue that is pending in the TN General Assembly. The TN Forestry Commission will take a position on the budget where Chairman Midyett has drafted a letter that will be presented to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Jay Miller has asked for clarification to be provided and identify why the commission should meet, ask that commission state a motion and second.

Motions of the Special Meeting

John Charles motioned that a meeting be conducted to discuss the issue regarding the budget for TN Division of Forestry is very important. Bill Legg seconded the motion.

No discussion on the motion

Tom Midyett, John Charles Wilson, Alex Richman, Bill Legg, Drew Getty and Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe voted yes (6 voted yes), (0 voted no) and (0 no abstain).



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John Charles motioned that this letter be moved forward, with the adjusted change and presented to the General Assembly and the Governor. Bill Legg seconded the motion.

No discussion on the motion

Tom Midyett, John Charles Wilson, Alex Richman, Bill Legg, Drew Getty and Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe voted yes (6 voted yes), (0 voted no) and (0 no abstain).

Bill Legg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Charles seconded the motion.

Tom Midyett, John Charles Wilson, Alex Richman, Bill Legg, Drew Getty and Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe voted yes (6 voted yes), (0 voted no) and (0 no abstain).

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:42AM CDT.