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TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

8/25/2023

Tennessee Forestry Commission meeting was held in the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Moss Building Conference Room in Nashville, TN, August 25, 2023

Participants:

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

*Absent – Drew Getty (excused absence). Commission had a quorum.

Forestry Commission Ex-Officio Members:

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA): Jay Miller, General Counsel; Chris C. Eaton, Chief Financial Officer.

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF): David Arnold, State Forester; Heather Slayton, Assistant State Forester; Wade Waters, Assistant State Forester; Rachel Greene, Forest Data & Analysis Unit Leader; Dyshea Brown, Executive Administrative Assistant.

The Chairman noted that, other than the above-mentioned attendees, no members of the public were present at the meeting.

Chairman Tom Midyett welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting began at 10:03 a.m. CDT

Approval of the Minutes of the August 4, 2023 meeting

Bill Legg motioned to approve minutes as presented. John Charles Wilson seconded the motion. All Commission members in attendance voted yes to approve. The motion passed.

Division of Forestry Budget review and approval David Arnold, Wade Waters, Heather Slayton

- Review FY2024 budget.
- PowerPoint presentation updated – FY2025 budget discussion for approval.



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Approval of the FY2025 budget

John Charles Wilson motioned to move forward on the approval of the FY2025 budget. Mike Witt seconded the motion. All Commission members in attendance voted yes to approve. The motion passed.

Update on Landowner Assistance Strategic Plan implementation

David Arnold,

Heather Slayton

- Kick off meeting next week - The Area Foresters who helped advise the LAP Strategic Plan will roll it out to the remaining Area Foresters.
- Customer Relations Management (CRM) will be integrated into landowner assistance program.

Future Meeting Dates

- January 9, 2024 – Discuss budget, timber sales (second Tuesday in January)
- April 9, 2024 – Approve Nursery seedling pricing/production and appoint sub-committee to nominate Commission officers (second Tuesday in April).
- June 12, 2024 – Election of Commission officers (second Tuesday in June).
- August/September 2024 (TBD)

John Charles Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Witt seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:43AM CDT.