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TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

1/9/2024

Tennessee Forestry Commission meeting was held in the Cordell Hull Building, Senate Hearing Room II, 1st Floor in Nashville, TN, January 09, 2024

Participants:

Forestry Commission Members: Tom Midyett, Chairman; Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe, Secretary; Mike Witt, Bill Legg, Alex Richman, Drew Getty

*Absent – John Charles Wilson (excused absence). Commission had a quorum.

Forestry Commission Ex-Officio Members:

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA): Charles Hatcher, Commissioner

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA): Jeff Aiken, Deputy Commissioner; Carol McDonald, Assistant Commissioner; Chris C. Eaton, Assistant Commissioner; Jay Miller, General Counsel

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF): David Arnold, State Forester; Heather Slayton, Assistant State Forester; Wade Waters, Fire Management Chief; Andy McBride, State Forests Unit Leader; Jennifer Anderson, Administrative Services Director; Robert Elliott, Forest Health and Sustainability Unit Leader; Dyshea Brown, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Tennessee Forestry Association: Candace Dinwiddie, Executive Director

The Chairman noted that there is no one from the public in attendance.

Chairman Midyett recognized and welcomed several members of the General Assembly to the meeting.

The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. CST

Approval of the Minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting

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



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Approval of the 2022 – 2023 TN Forestry Commission Annual Report

Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe motioned to approve annual report as presented. Drew Getty seconded the motion. All Commission members in attendance voted yes to approve. The motion passed.

Congratulatory remarks on David Arnold's retirement

Commissioner Hatcher and Deputy Commissioner Aiken provided comments on State Forester David Arnold's tenure with TN Division of Forestry.

Chairman Midyett provided comments on State Forester David Arnold's service to TN Division of Forestry and TN Forestry Commission.

Review FY2024 budget (expenditures and revenues) and FY2025 budget proposal

- Mid-year budget report Heather Slayton
- Fire report Wade Waters
- Timber Sales report Andy McBride

Future Meeting Dates

- April 2, 2024 (Meeting to be held at the Nursery) – Approve Nursery seedling pricing/production and appoint sub-committee to nominate Commission officers (first Tuesday in April).
- June 12, 2024 – Approval of Commission officers. (second Wednesday in June).
- September 4, 2024 ??? – Approve Division budget. (first Wednesday in September).
- January 14, 2025 – Discuss budget, timber sales (second Tuesday in January).

Bill Legg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM CST.