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TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

4/2/2024

Tennessee Forestry Commission meeting was at TN Division of Forestry East TN Nursery in Delano, TN, April 02, 2024

Participants:

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

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA): Jeff Aiken, General Counsel

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF): Rachel Greene, Assistant State Forester; Jennifer Anderson, Administrative Services Director; Robert Elliott, Forest Health and Sustainability Unit Leader; Gina Sowders, Reforestation Unit Leader; Laura Dowdy, Administrative Services Assistant.

Tennessee Forestry Association: Candace Dinwiddie, Executive Director; Steven Owens

University of Tennessee-Knoxville: Dr. Don Hodges, Professor; Dr. Scott Schlarbaum, Professor

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

Chairman Tom Midyett welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting began at 10:08 a.m. EST

Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on January 9, 2024

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

Approval of the production level for the East TN Nursery and defer prices until June Commission meeting.

John Charles Wilson motioned to approve the production level for the East TN Nursery



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Nursery Tour and Discussion

All attendees toured the nursery. Commission had open discussion regarding issues Bur Oak seeds that were obtained from contractors from Missouri.

East TN Nursery Production and Sales Discussion

Reduction in Pine production due to the loss of a main buyer.

As a result, from the motion to approve the production level, there was a request from Gina and nursery staff to see follow-up after another year of production to be able to set the prices better.

Future Meeting Dates

- 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).
- April 2025

Bill Legg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM EST.