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TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

6/12/2024

Tennessee Forestry Commission meeting was held in the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, Bruer Building Walnut Conference Room in Nashville, TN, June 12, 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.

Forestry Commission Ex-Officio Members:

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

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA): Brian Chandler, Forest Management Program Leader (remote)

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA): Emily King, Associate Counsel; Lily Douthitt, Legislative Liaison.

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF): Heather Slayton, State Forester; Wade Waters, Assistant State Forester; Rachel Greene, Assistant State Forester; Jennifer Anderson, Administrative Services Director (remote); Megan Carpenter, Communications and Outreach Unit Leader; David Fiorella, Fire Management Unit Leader, Gina Sowders Reforestation Unit Leader; Laura Dowdy, Administrative Services Assistant (remote); 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.

The meeting began at 9:06a.m. CDT

Safety Message

Wade Waters



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Approval of the Minutes of the April 2, 2024 meeting and confirmation of upcoming meetings.

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

- ***Change September 4th date to August 6th at 10:00a.m. CDT***

Review of seedlings by species, pricing and ordering system for the Commission. Gina Sowders

Approval of the 2024-2025 price structure for seedlings

John Charles Wilson motioned to approve 2024-2025 price structure for seedlings. Alex Richman seconded the motion. All Commission members voted yes to approve. The motion passed.

Congratulatory remarks and presentation of outgoing Commission members Mike Witt and Alex Richman.

Commissioner Hatcher provided comments and Chairman Midyett presented plaques and provided comments.

Wildfire discussion

Wade Waters

Vacancy Report

Rachel Greene

Nomination Committee report and election of Commission officers for 2024/2025 Mike Witt

- The following Forestry Commission members are slated for the 2024/2025 year
 - Tom Midyett (Chair), John Charles Wilson (Vice-Chair) and Sharon Jen-Philippe (Secretary – pending reappointment)

Approval of the slate of 2024/2025 Forestry Commission members

Alex Richman motioned to approve the slate of 2024/2025 Forestry Commission members. Mike Witt seconded the motion. All Commission members voted yes to approve. The motion passed.

Future Meeting Dates



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- June 12, 2024 – Approval of Commission officers. (second Wednesday in June).
- August 12, 2024 – Approve Division budget. (first Tuesday in August).
- January 14, 2025 – Discuss budget, timber sales (second Tuesday in January).
- TBD

Bill Legg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Witt seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 12:47p.m. CDT.