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TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

8/12/2024

Tennessee Forestry Commission meeting was held in the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, Bruer Building Walnut Conference Room in Nashville, TN, August 12, 2024.

Participants:

Forestry Commission Members: Tom Midyett, Chairman; John Charles Wilson, Vice Chairman; Bill Legg, Alex Richman, Drew Getty, Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe (attended remotely) Mike Witt (excused absence). 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

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; Megan Carpenter, Communications and Outreach 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.

The meeting began at 10:38a.m. CDT

Safety Message

Wade Waters



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Approval of the Minutes of the June 12, 2024 meeting and confirmation of upcoming meetings.

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

- ***The Chairman suggested that specific dates for future meetings are not specific until the January 2025 meeting.***

Discussion – Franklin equipment damage report

Wade Waters

- ***Ongoing active investigation***

John Charles Wilson motioned to draft a letter to the Governor expressing concerns about equipment damage on Franklin State Forest. Drew Getty seconded the motion. All Commission members present voted yes to approve. The motion passed.

Vacancy report

Rachel Greene

Review and approve division's budget

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Approval of the 2024-2025 Division's budget

Bill Legg motioned to approve the division's budget as presented. John Charles Wilson seconded the motion. All Commission members present voted yes to approve. The motion passed.

Future Meeting Dates

- January 14, 2025 – Discuss budget, timber sales (second Tuesday in January).
- April 2025
- June 2025
- August 2025

John Charles Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Drew Getty seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 1:57p.m. CDT.