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TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

1/15/2025

Tennessee Forestry Commission meeting was held at Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy, 2161 Unionville Deason Road, Bell Buckle, TN, January 15, 2025.

Participants:

Forestry Commission Members: Tom Midyett, Chairman; John Charles Wilson, Vice Chairman; Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe (Secretary), Drew Getty, Bill Legg, Alex Richman and Mark Rogers. Jake Almond (excused absence). Commission had a quorum.

Forestry Commission Ex-Officio Members:

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

Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA): Emily Allison, Associate Counsel

Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF): Heather Slayton, State Forester; Wade Waters, Assistant State Forester; Rachel Greene, Assistant State Forester; Andy McBride, State Forest Unit Leader; Megan Carpenter, Communications and Outreach Unit Leader; Kimberly Burch, Fire Logistics Specialist; Lina Denaroso, Forest Data and Analysis Unit Leader, Shane Harrington, Forest Health and Sustainability Unit Leader; Chris Weismueller, Administrative Services Unit Leader, Katherine Timberlake, Training Coordinator; Dyshea Brown, Executive Administrative Assistant.

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00a.m. CDT

Safety Message

Wade Waters

Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on August 12, 2024.

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



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Motion to develop a draft letter to the General Assembly in response to the Governor's proposal to farmland preservation report.

Bill Legg motioned to develop a draft letter to the general assembly in response to Governor proposal to farmland preservation report. John Charles seconded the motion.

All Commission members present voted yes to approve. Motion passed.

Motion to confirm upcoming meetings.

Motion to confirm upcoming meetings moved to later discussion via email.

Budget Update

Rachel Greene

Vacancy Report

Rachel Greene

State Forest Update

Andy McBride

Review Forestry Commission Report

Megan Carpenter

Future Meeting Dates

- April 2025
- June 2025
- August 2025

Drew Getty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Rogers seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 2:49p.m. CDT.