



# MINUTES

## TENNESSEE FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

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4/15/2025

**Tennessee Forestry Commission meeting was held in the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, Division of Forestry, Bruer Building Walnut Conference Room in Nashville, TN, April 15, 2025.**

### Participants:

**Forestry Commission members:** Tom Midyett, Chairman; Dr. Sharon Jean-Philippe (Secretary), Drew Getty, Bill Legg, Jake Almond and Mark Rogers. John Charles Wilson (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; Carrigan Fields, Executive Assistant to Deputy Commissioner

**Tennessee Department of Agriculture - Division of Forestry (TDF):** Heather Slayton, State Forester; Wade Waters, Assistant State Forester; Rachel Greene, Assistant State Forester; Gina Sowders, Reforestation Unit Leader.

**Tennessee Forestry Association:** Candace Dinwiddie, Executive Director

**Tennessee Tree Champion Program:** Kayla Stewart, McKenzie Owen, Owen Davis, Samantha Underhill, Jennifer Hosken

**University of Tennessee:** Dr. Scott Schlarbaum, Director, School of Natural Resource.

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:11a.m. CDT

### Safety Message

Wade Waters



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## Motion to review minutes from January 15, 2025, meeting.

***Bill Legg motioned to approve minutes as presented. Mark Rogers seconded the motion. All Commission members present voted yes to approve. Motion passed.***

## Motion to confirm upcoming meetings.

- August 20, 2025, 10:00am CT Bruer Building

### Reforestation Report

Gina Sowders

## Motion to approve the 2025-2026 proposed price change.

***Bill Legg motioned to approve proposed price changes. Jake Almond seconded the motion. All Commission members present voted yes to approve. Motion passed.***

## Motion to approve the 2026-2027 proposed production change.

***Mark Rogers motioned to approve proposed price changes. Jake Almond seconded the motion. All Commission members present voted yes to approve. Motion passed.***

### Discussion of MOU with TDF and TWRA

Dr. Scott Schlarbaum

### Champion Tree Team Presentation

Kayla Stewart, McKenzie Owen

Owen Davis, Samantha Underhill, Jennifer Hosken

### Nomination committee

Tom Midyett, Bill Legg,

Drew Getty

## Motion to adjourn

***Drew Getty made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill Legg seconded the motion. The Meeting was adjourned at 1:51p.m. CDT.***

## Future Meeting Dates

- August 2025
- October 2025
- January 2026