

**TYLER COUNTY FOREST LANDOWNER ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The Tyler County Forest Landowner Association Board met Friday, February 20, 2015 at Parker Forestry Consultants, 411 N Pine St., Woodville, Texas. President Sarah Reinemeyer called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

In attendance were Sarah Reinemeyer, Charles Zimmerman, Betty Zimmerman, DeAnna Turner, Jack Clark, Jeffrey Parker, Brianna Parker, Tim Parker, and Keelin Parker. Sarah provided oral minutes of the last board meeting. Charles Zimmerman presented the treasurer's report which shows a balance of **\$6,365.33** and **110 paid members**. Motion by Betty for Sarah, Jack, & Charles to be authorized to sign checks. DeAnna second. Motion passed. Motion to switch the bank to Citizens. Jack seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report by **DeAnna Turner and seconded by Jeff Parker**.

Motion passed to accept the Treasurer Report as submitted.

Committee Reports

a. Program Committee – Plan on visiting a 1st thinning, 2nd thinning, and clearcut. Jeffrey will work on getting everything together.

b. Website Sub-Committee – Sarah Reinemeyer reported a few stats. Motion again to not distribute the mailing list.

c. Education/Communications Committee –The Texas State Woodland Clinic will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015 at the Stephen F. Austin Experimental Forest near Nacogdoches. Check-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the contest will start at 9:00 a.m. Registration and payments must be made online prior to the day of the contest. Registration closes Thursday, April 16th, 2015. Register online at www.judgingcard.com. \$1000 Scholarship from TFA's Landowner Council will be given to the student with the highest points. This year, we will also have two drawings for "tree trunks" for the agricultural teachers. Landowner Council sell concessions-drinks and candy. If you would like to participate and observe, let Betty Zimmerman know. Lunch will be catered. Legislative 2015 Focus: Education, Transportation, and Water. There is a desire to change the Franchise Tax for small businesses. Senator Robert Nichols is on the transportation Committee. TFA is working with him to reduce the fee for the axel permits from \$1500 to \$900. Currently only 70-80 log trucks have applied for the \$1500 permit. Nichols would like to increase the number to 300-500 trucks. Texas Forest Service will plant through mid-March and will perform a survival check in September/October. The Conservation Stewardship Program has \$100 Million nation-wide; Feb 27 deadline for applications.

d. Public Affairs Committee – There are 8 or 9 species of Ash in Texas, 2 in our area. 314 traps are being set in East Texas. If you see a lavender trap, don't touch it as it is sticky. There are also green funnel traps. On February 12, 2015, emerald ash borers were detected in Louisiana within 12 miles of Texas. The Texas Forest service does not want to alarm public at this time because they are not yet organized to handle a large volume of calls. The plan is to ask Ash tree owners to collect 2000 seeds from each "high quality" tree and send them with pictures of the tree to the Lady Bird Wildlife Center in Austin. So far, there are no Southern Pine Bark Beetles detected in Texas. Beginning in March, traps will be set north of Hwy 190 in the old growth of

the National Forests. If we do have an outbreak, it will probably be in the old growth of the National Forests because they are not harvesting.

e. TCI Scholarship Sub-Committee – Motion to advertise the scholarship. 1 scholarship \$250. Jack second, motion passed.

f. Membership Sub-Committee – Charles Zimmerman will send a request out 2 weeks after the general meeting. Jeff is still working on producing a list of Tyler County forest landowners that could be used to invite non-association members to TCFLOA general meetings.

Calendar

- a. Feb 20 at 5 pm at Parkers - Board of Directors Meeting
- b. Apr 11 or 18 - 2015 Spring General Meeting
- c. Mar 14 - Project Learning Tree Workshop at Heritage Village
- d. Aug - 2015 Summer Board of Directors Meetings
- e. Sep 12 or 19 - 2015 Fall General Meeting
- f. October 21-23, 2015 – TFA Annual Conference, Nacogdoches
- g. Quarterly Newsletter - “The Dogwood Times”
- h. Betty will pursue tours of the German Pellets Plant and/or the Biomass Power Plant

Old Business

TCFOA is sponsoring a Project Learning Tree Workshop at Heritage Village in Woodville on March 14, 2015. Betty Zimmerman is coordinating the event with Misty Bowie (TFA PLT State Co-Coordinator). DeAnna Turner will provide refreshments for a break. Sarah will update the TCFLOA website to include a link to the Texas Project Learning Tree website for registration. TCFLOA will provide half-scholarships of \$31 for up to 20 teachers for a maximum cost of \$620.

New Business

a. Betty moved to begin the 2016 High School Scholarships in August and will be posted in the Dogwood Times. Motion passed. Betty moved to provide \$1000 2015 Scholarship based on last year’s criteria. Applications due June 1. Jeff second, motion passed.

b. We will have 600 dogwoods to give away at the Dogwood Festival.

Sarah moved that the meeting adjourn; Brianne and Jeff seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.