

Business Meeting of Tyler County Landowner's Association

Saturday April 2, 2011

Tyler County Extension Office

Woodville, Texas

Officers present:

Betty Zimmerman President

Deanna Turner Vice President

Bill Tetley – Treasurer

Officers absent:

Jeff Parker – Secretary

Betty Zimmerman called the meeting to order after the Tyler County Forest Landowner's Association General Meeting on water rights. Minutes from the previous meeting were distributed; Jay Fish made the motion to accept the minutes as written and Art Records seconded the motion. The motion was accepted.

Committee Reports

Bill Tetley gave the Treasurer's, Membership, and Community and Public Affairs Reports. Bill mentioned a few issues— Best Management Practices (BMPs), which the Texas logging industry has adopted voluntarily, water rights, and the Tailgate Party on May 14 in Mt. Enterprise. This year's focus of the Tailgate Party will be Best Management Practices such as stream crossings. Outdoor live presentations will demonstrate BMP practices. Betty explained that the TFA is politically active and gave a pitch for membership in the TFA by members of the TCFLOA. Betty is on the legislative committee.

Keelin Parker gave the scholarship report. The TCFLOA granted, Debbie Harrison, a teacher from the Woodville Middle School, a scholarship to attend this year's Teacher's Conservation Institute. Ms. Harrison was the only applicant.

Charles Zimmerman gave the website report for Sarah Reinemeyer. Most of the website visitors were from the United States but visitors from Russia, Romania, and China were observed. The most visited area of the website is the General Meeting Minutes followed by the front page of Dogwood Times.

Old Business

No old business was mentioned.

New Business

Money from food purchase at the Tailgate Rally will go to the Woodland Scholarship fund. The TCFLOA must provide a door prize. Jack Clark made the motion to accept purchasing of a door prize and Art Records seconded the motion. The motion was accepted. Bill Tetley made the motion to keep the cost at \$35.00 for the door prize or prizes. All approved the dollar limit. There was no more New Business.

General Discussion

Bill Tetley commented on the importance of the TCFLOA organization. The more people in the organization the more effective it can be. The membership of the TCFLOA needs to be increased. Bill also requested ideas for the Tyler County Times, the TCFLOA's newsletter. Jack Clark asked if any of the meeting attendees were certified in the American Tree Farm System. Jack's tree farm will be reinspected this year by an inspector in the American Tree Farm System. The spring 2011 issue of The Texas Tree Farmer publication lists the names of tree farms to be reinspected in 2011. Bill Tetley made the motion to adjourn which was accepted by all. A lunch provided by the TCFLOA followed.