

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

The Tyler County Forest Landowner Association Board met Saturday, September 10, 2016 at the Nutrition Center in Woodville, Texas. President Sarah Reinemeyer called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

In attendance were Sarah Reinemeyer, Charles Zimmerman, Betty Zimmerman, Jack Clark, Jeffrey Parker, Jay & Sally Fish, and Brianna Parker. Elizabeth provided written minutes of the last board meeting. Charles moved to accept the minutes. Motion carried. Charles Zimmerman presented the treasurer's report which shows a balance of \$4,699.29 and 163 paid members for 2016.

Motion passed to accept the Treasurer Report as submitted.

a. Website Sub-Committee – Sarah Reinemeyer reported a few stats. Russia has the most visits. There are a lot of bots and spiders trying to get information.

First Speaker- Dr. Neil Frank-Former director of the National Hurricane Center and former Chief Meteorologist at KHOU-TV in Houston- Climate Change – Media is what tells us the information we know. Most of the people writing support the president.

a. ice is actually increasing, not decreasing

b. 30% increase in hurricanes, decrease in tornadoes in the last 20 years, droughts are normal.

c. sea level has leveled off.

d. The debate is over what is causing global warming. Some evidence shows more greenery in our history.

e. 1880 is the farthest recorded when they tell us it's been the hottest in history.

f. The numerical model is just a hypothesis.

Second Speaker- Dr. Eric Taylor-AgriLife Extension Service, Texas A&M- How to Increase tree Vigor and Reduce Loss.

a. 16' Loblolly pine needs 11 gallons of water per day.

b. a vigorous stand with lots of resources tends to be a more resilient stand.

c. do not herbicide when its dry. The trees and plants are in their defensive stance and wont suck up as much.

d. Forest Thinning App on the Texas A&M Forest Service website

Third Speaker- Mike Oliver, Texas State Forester, NRCS, USDA, GOV- Emulating Natural Disturbances in Managing Forested Ecosystems for Desired Objectives.

a. Fire, flood, windstorm, mortality can be emulated.

b. easiest disaster to emulate in east texas is fire.

All nominees were elected for the 2017 year.

Calendar

a. January 7th- Board Meeting

b. March 4th – General Spring Meeting