

Tyler County Forest Landowner Association Board Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 9, 2010 9:30 AM
Parker Forestry Consultants, 411 N. Pine Street, Woodville, TX

Tim Parker hosted the TCFLOA Board Meeting at his office in Woodville. In attendance were Charles Zimmerman (President); Jack Clark (VP), Bill Tetley (Treasurer), Betty Zimmerman (Secretary), Hugh Hales (Dir), Tim Parker (Dir), Sarah Reinemeyer (Dir), Fred Reinemeyer, and Christine Moor.

Charles Zimmerman called the meeting to order.

Betty Zimmerman distributed the minutes from the previous board meeting. Sarah Reinemeyer moved that the minutes be accepted as written; Hugh Hales seconded the motion and it carried.

Bill Tetley presented the Treasurer's Report. As of January 9, 2010, TCFLOA has a balance of \$5540.24. The 72 members that have already paid their 2010 dues include 3 new members and 1 reinstated. Three additional members paid after the report was published.

Calendar for 2010

April 10, 2010 9:30 AM – General Association Meeting
August 7, 2010 9:30 AM – Board Meeting
September 11, 2010 9:30 AM – General Association Meeting and Elections
Quarterly / event driven – Publication of The Dogwood Times

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Fred Reinemeyer reported that nine members responded to the thirty letters mailed to those delinquent in paying their 2009 dues.

Bill Tetley presented the Education & Communication Committee & Public Affairs Committee reports.

- Bill Tetley was recently elected to the Texas Forestry Museum Board of Directors. Individuals are encouraged to visit and contribute to the museum. Christine added that W. T. Block has written a series of books entitled East Texas Mill Towns and Ghost Towns, Vols 1, 2, and 3.
- May 1-2 – Texas Woodlands & Wildlife Conference (previously the Texas Forest Expo) will be held in Conroe, TX.

Scholarship Subcommittee: The Tyler County Scholarship Sub-Committee is comprised of Rick Huffman, Sarah Reinemeyer and Betty Zimmerman. Betty reported that the cost of TFA's Teachers Conservation Institute has increased from \$100 to \$150 for each

teacher. Jack Clark recommended Glen Conner, Superintendent of Woodville Schools as a contact. **Tim Parker has an additional contact. . . .**

Program Committee: Charles distributed a summary of results from the program topics survey mailed to the membership.

Program Topic Survey Results

January 2010

Reforestation	5	
Land Management Plans	5	
Wetlands Management	2	
Harvesting Techniques	5	
Mills and Procurers	1	
Weights and Volumes		
Acquiring Timberlands	5	
Tree Farm Program	7	
Best Management Practices	1	
Sustainable Forestry Initiatives	2	
Forest Management Tours	2	
Seedling Planting and Care	8	
Financial Analysis	2	
Yields and Returns		
Wildlife Management	10	
Turkeys		4
Deer		7
Hogs		4
Bears		3
Cats		3
Bats		2
Red Cockaded Woodpeckers		1
Exotic Game		
Chemical Applications	1	
Selling Timber	3	
Fertilization	3	
Site Preparation	5	
Taxation	2	
Forest Diseases	1	
Chainsaws	3	
Control Burning	3	
Forest Fires		
Texas Forest Service Overview	2	
Big Thicket Overview	1	
Financial Estate Administration		
Gas Production in Tyler County	5	
Oil and Gas Pipeline Condemnation	1	
Streamside Management, Harvesting & Crossings	4	
Forest Biology		
Legislative Activities		
Pond Management	6	
Stacked Tree Farming; i.e., multiple sources of income from a tree farm	8	
Pond Installation	2	

Eighteen responses have been received, with an additional response delivered during the Board Meeting.

Potential tour/speakers:

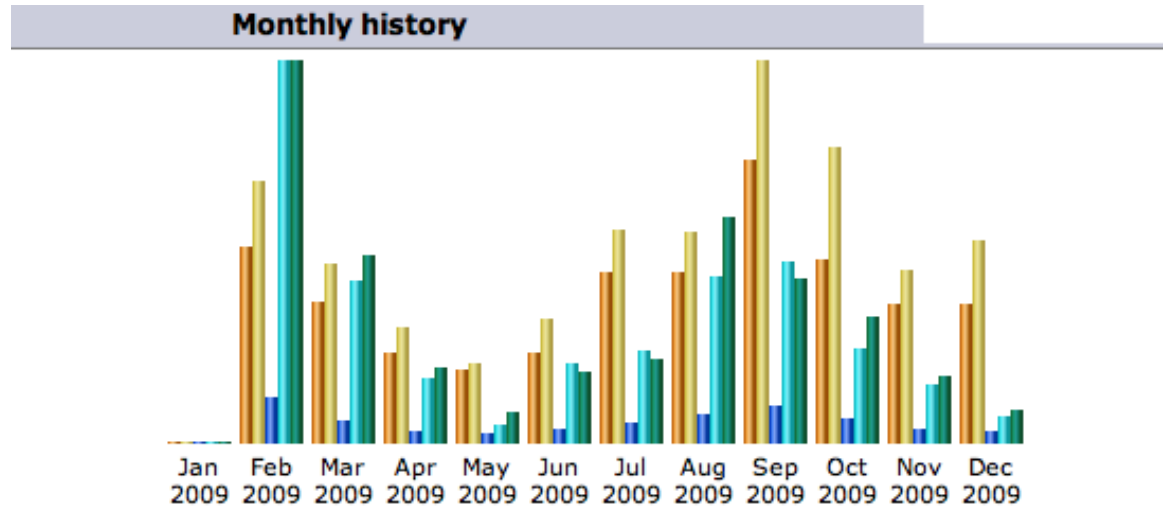
- Dustin Meaders, Wood Procurement Forester, MeadWestVaco, Evadale, TX. 409 276-3561 (office) and 409 782-3245 (cell) and dustin.meaders@mwv.com
- Phil McClure, exotic animals

Tcforest.com Website: Sarah Reinemeyer, TCFLOA Webmaster presented the tcforest.org website report.

- **TCFOREST.ORG** – As of February, our website will be one year old.
- **Contact page** – People have used the email links on the contact page to reach us.

Web Statistics:

- **2009 Summary** – Note we launched the site in February hence no statistics for January. Also, these statistics have been filtered by eliminating any web searching robots, such as, those used by search engines to propagate their databases.



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2009	0	0	0	0	0
Feb 2009	86	115	498	4129	77.73 MB
Mar 2009	62	78	240	1751	38.10 MB
Apr 2009	39	51	134	708	15.49 MB
May 2009	32	35	114	194	6.29 MB
Jun 2009	39	54	148	852	14.27 MB
Jul 2009	75	93	225	990	17.18 MB
Aug 2009	75	92	317	1811	45.99 MB
Sep 2009	124	167	403	1958	33.68 MB
Oct 2009	80	129	256	1022	25.87 MB
Nov 2009	61	76	153	642	13.49 MB
Dec 2009	61	89	137	278	6.91 MB
Total	734	979	2625	14335	294.98 MB

- **Topics Accessed** – Items most accessed are the events page, the library page, downloads of meeting minutes, and tips page.
- **Audience** – In December 2009, our visitors were mainly from the USA, India, and Russia in that order.
- **Search Key Phrases** – Our pages have keywords in the code that will pop up our pages when people use these key words. Key words used for searching are saved

in the statistics. This information can give us an idea of what people are seeking, thus what might be good topics for our meetings and the website. Here are some new search words that show up in the statistics: NAPCO, chip mill, taxing entities codes, valuation to wildlife, Texas law conversions from timber, blackshear, scholarships 2010, etc.

Nominating Committee: Charles and Tim Parker will form a Nominating Committee which will present the slate of officers at the September General Meeting. Suggestions for additional Nominating Committee membership include Bruce Womack and Eleanor Holderman.

Old Business

- none

New Business

- Jack Clark moved that we extend an associate membership to the sitting Tyler County Judge. The membership will reside with the position rather than the person. Betty seconded the motion and it carried.
- Per information shared by Jack Clark, Betty moved that the TCFLOA president send a letter to the Tyler County Farm Bureau president, recommending that Jack Clark be added to their Board of Directors. Bill Tetley seconded the motion. The Farm Bureau Board of Directors, which meets monthly, is comprised of livestock owners with no tree farmers included. Gilbert J. Broussard is president of the Farm Bureau, 2420 HWY 69 S, Woodville, TX.
- Betty moved that TCFLOA provide up to \$100 for construction of a wooden, portable, reusable booth to be built by TFS and used by the thirteen landowner associations. The initial use will be at the May 1-2 Texas Woodlands and Wildlife Conference in Conroe, TX. Jack Clark seconded the motion and it carried.
- Betty moved that TCFLOA offer up to four \$150 scholarships to TFA's TCI course. The scholarships are available to Tyler County educators. Jack seconded the motion and it carried. [This was later amended by email vote to provide \$150 scholarships for Phase I sessions and \$200 scholarships for Phase II sessions, which will cover the cost of each phase. The total number of scholarships will be four.]
- Hugh Hales moved that TCFLOA reimburse Charles Zimmerman \$67.32 for postage associated with mailing the program topic survey to the membership. Jack seconded the motion. Bill Tetley moved that the motion be amended to reimburse Charles \$80 to cover additional expenses associated with the mailing. Jack seconded the amendment and it carried. The initial motion, as amended, carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Jack – Reserve the Senior Center for the general meetings.
- Betty – Check on the cost of TFA's TCI Phase II course.

- Betty – Per Christine’s suggestion, Betty will propose that the participating LOA associations provide pictures to display in the LOA booth at the Woodlands and Wildlife Conference in May. Christine added that laminated pictures can be reused.
- Program Committee – Meet 9:30 AM, Friday, January 22 at Z’s Fillin’ Station on Hwy 69 North, Woodville, TX.
- Charles – Invite Fred Turner to join the Program Committee.
- Betty – Send email to membership soliciting their recommendation for potential program presenters.

Charles Zimmerman moved we adjourn.

After the meeting, David McClintock, North American Procurement Company (NAPCO), led us to Lonnie Grissom’s Golden Pine Ranch to tour his bio-fuel chipper thinned tree farm. Ed Dougal, TFS Lufkin, and Fred & Deanna Turner joined the group for the tour.



Lonnie Grissom looks on as TCFLOA members listen to David McClintock

David explained that chips for bio-fuel can include damaged trees, limbs, branches and pine needles as well as large underbrush such as yaupon. This is much more inclusive

than round wood thinning which is limited to logs that are large enough to be loaded onto a log truck. This broader scope can yield 51 tons/per acre of bio-fuel chips as compared to 20 tons per acre of thinned round wood. While bio-fuel chips may be only \$3 per ton, the larger volume per acre can offset the price difference for round wood.

Since the bio-fuel chipper thinning approach is ideal for smaller trees, the first thinning of a forest can be years earlier than a round wood thinning. This enables the trees left standing after the first thinning to begin their post-thinning growth sooner. Also, the forest left standing is more evenly distributed and cleaner than that after a round wood thinning. David stated that he conducted a control burn of Lonnie's forest after the bio-fuel chipper thinning. Lonnie added that herbicides were an alternative to a control burn.

Potential buyers of bio-fuel chips within fifty miles of Woodville include paper mills at Evadale, Texas and Deridder, Louisiana. Lufkin's bio-fuel plant is scheduled to come online this summer and Woodville's bio-fuel plant is only two to two-and-a-half years away.

Discussion about the tour continued in Lonnie Grissom's lake-side club house, where he graciously served a full-course bar-b-que lunch.