

Tyler County Forest Landowner Association Regular Meeting Minutes

Saturday, October 25, 2008 9:30am

In Attendance: Thirty members, new members and visitors -- including Charles Zimmerman (President), Jack Clark (Vice President), Bill Boyd (Dir), Tim Parker (Dir.), Hugh Hales (Dir.), and Betty Zimmerman (Sec). The meeting was held at the Tyler County Extension Office, 201 Willow St in Woodville.

Charles Zimmerman led the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, welcomed the attendees, recognized the officers present and introduced the speakers.

- Congressman Kevin Brady discussed his plans for reintroducing the Big Thicket National Preserve expansion proposal in the US House of Representative.
- Rich Dottellis, Texas Forest Service District Forester, reported Hurricane Ike damaged over 21,000 acres of Tyler County's forests.
- Mike Murphrey, Texas Forest Service Staff Forester for Pest Management, stated that aggressive efforts are in progress to eradicate a patch of cogongrass growing north of Spurger and threatening Tyler County.
- Charles Spurlock, a former Chairman of the Texas Logging Council, stated that rising equipment and fuel costs have reduced the number of loggers in Tyler County to only five or six.

Charles Zimmerman called the business meeting to order. The minutes from the March meeting and the current treasurer's report were distributed. Hugh Hales moved that the March Regular Meeting minutes be approved as published; Fred Reinemeyer seconded the motion and the motion carried. The treasurer's report showed 135 members and a balance of \$4,703.31.

Betty Zimmerman presented Tim and Keelin Parker a book in appreciation for their long-term services to the organization. Bill Boyd was recognized with a certificate for his successful term as Membership Chairman, during which time the membership doubled.

Ballots for 2009-2010 officers were distributed and collected. Nineteen ballots, including two mail-in ballots, elected the following.

- President – Charles Zimmerman
- Vice President – Jack Clark
- Treasurer – Bill Tetley
- Secretary – Betty Zimmerman
- Past President Board Position - Tim Parker
- Three Directors
 - Hugh Hales
 - Rick Huffman
 - Sarah Reinemeyer

The next TCFLOA meeting will be a board meeting in January at Jack Clark's tree farm. There was no new business and the business meeting adjourned.

Rev. Raymond Parker blessed the meal. Attendees enjoyed lunch and networking with each other.