

MINUTES

EASTERN RED CEDAR REGISTRY BOARD

Friday, August 5, 2011
10:00 a.m.

Laboratory Conference Room
Agriculture Building
2800 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

The Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board met in regular session at 10:00 a.m., August 5, 2011, in the Laboratory Conference Room of the Agriculture Building, 2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Written notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State and posted on the Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry website. A notice was posted on the door of the Agriculture Building 24 hours prior to the meeting setting forth the date, time, place, and agenda for the meeting.

Members Present: Elmer Maddux, President
Gary Bledsoe, Vice President
Bruce Brown
Pat Clark
Dr. Salim Hirziroglu
Dr. Craig McKinley
Jim Reese
George Geissler
Bob Thompson
Angela Williams (proxy for Steven Glasgow)

Members Absent: Chuck Battles
Mike Thralls
Steve Thompson

Others Present: Mal Bucholtz, Dawson Lasseter, Nathan Lillie, Dan Dunagan, James Capers, David Fensler, Steve Miller, George Geissler, Paul Todd

Mr. Maddux called the meeting to order and a quorum was declared.

Mr. Maddux welcomed Mr. Bruce Brown, Governor Fallin's appointment to the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board. Mr. Brown said he is looking forward to serving on the Board. Mr. Maddux announced that Brian Wiles has resigned from the citizens' auxiliary group.

Approval of Executive Secretary

Jim Reese stated that the selection of an Executive Secretary for the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board would involve keeping the minutes of the meetings, filing notice of the meetings with the Secretary of State's office and preparing meeting agendas, but that the position would not be a voting member of the Board and would not take the place of an appointed Board member.

Mr. Reese moved, Mr. Maddux seconded, that Jane Swank be selected as the Executive Secretary for the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board.

Those voting aye: Gary Bledsoe, Bruce Brown, Pat Clark, Dr. Salim, Dr. McKinley, Jim Reese, Bob Thompson, Elmer Maddux. No: None
Abstentions: Angela Williams. The motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes

Dr. McKinley asked that the minutes of the June 3, 2011, meeting be corrected to reflect that he was present for the meeting. Gary Bledsoe moved, Dr. McKinley seconded, to approve the minutes as corrected of the June 3, 2011, meeting of the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board.

Those voting aye: Gary Bledsoe, Bruce Brown, Pat Clark, Dr. Salim, Dr. McKinley, Jim Reese, Bob Thompson, Elmer Maddux, Angela Williams.
No: None. Abstentions: None. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Funding Committee: Dr. McKinley, Chairman, asked Jackie Brink-Rosen, to give an update. Jackie reported that there was a HUD meeting on September 27, 2011, and a notice of the meeting will be send from Representative Morrissette's office. HUD builders are interested in window sills, door frames, thresholds, soffit and fascia and board lengths, unmolded. Manufacturers must contact Jackie prior to the September 27th meeting or they will not be able to present their price list. There will also HUD grant training meeting on August 23-24 in Tulsa, OK, to help applicants understand the grant process. Jackie Brink-Rosen and Angela Williams will attend the meeting and report back to the Eastern Red Cedar Advisory Board.

Ms. Brink-Rosen gave an update on the status of the Eastern Red Cedar license plates that were authorized by the 2011 Legislative session. The Tax Commission must have received prepaid orders for 100 license plates by May 1, 2012, in order to have the plates approved for issuance or fees will be refunded and no plates will be issued.

Ms. Brink-Rosen reported that there will be a legislative interim study in September on tornado shelters by Rep. Morrissette and Rep. Ownby. Rep. Morrissette will also present options for tornado proof housing construction. The patent holder of the tornado proof housing (HIB) will be coming from Germany to attend the study. There is a possibility that HIB building blocks could be made from Eastern Red Cedar.

The State Capitol Gift Shop has agreed to sell Easter Red Cedar items if they meet state purchasing requirements. A color photograph, dimensions of the item, and suggested pricing should be emailed to Kerry Barrick, Tourism Department, at: kerry@travelok.com.

Ms. Brink-Rosen reported that she and Rep. Morrissette met with County Commissioner Brian Maughan, who has contacted the Oklahoma County courts about the possibility of using community service labor for the removal of eastern red cedar. Mr. Reese stated that Mr.

Maughan had also been in to talk with him about his proposal. Ms. Brink-Rosen reported that Chesapeake has donated \$100,000.00 in matching funds for this project, but a source for the matching funds has not been found. Mr. Bledsoe stated there are already companies that will cut down these trees at no cost to the landowner and was concerned about the number of people available to work through the community service program. Ms. Brink-Rosen stated this program was a work in progress and she hoped to have more to report at the next meeting.

Ms. Brink-Rosen reported she had contacted Central Services, State of Oklahoma. Discussion focused on establishing criteria to ensure state agencies use eastern red cedar mulch and other products for their building and landscaping projects. George Geissler stated he had been working with Central Services on the procedures necessary to facilitate registered producers supplying products to state agencies and he was asked to continue working with Central Services on this issue. Mr. Geissler will try to have a report prepared for the October Board Meeting.

IT Committee: George Geissler, Chairman, reported that the list has been updated and verified and a number of people have dropped off the Eastern Red Cedar Registry, particularly landowners, stating they do not see it as beneficial. Mr. Brown reported he had repeatedly contacted every landowner listed and had only had five (5) responses.

Mr. Clark mentioned that since the majority of the landowners were 70-plus years old, sending information electronically was not the most effective form of communication and we need funds to for mailing purposes. Mr. Reese noted that there was a lot of property owners listed on the website and asked if the registry could sort by county, but Mr. Geissler stated that our system does not have that feature.

Registration Committee: Pat Clark, Chairman, asked Ms. Brink-Rosen to give the report. She stated that the Eastern Red Cedar Registration Day at the Capitol is in March and she will provide the exact date at a later time.

The committee is also working with Firefighters and Conservation to link into an event in March that will be held on the 4th floor rotunda of the Capitol. This would be an opportunity for Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board members to disseminate materials about the registry and officially register people with cedar infestation, harvester/cutters, and manufacturers at the event.

Pat Clark has offered funds for an Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board website dedicated that is independent of any other website and can accept paid advertisements.

Mr. Maddux recognized Representative Morrissette, thanked him for coming to the meeting, and asked if he would like to say anything to the group. Rep. Morrissette stated that biofuels are the next wave of energy and that he has invited so discussed the German company, HIB, which he had invited to the September interim study.

New Business

Mr. Maddux stated that it was very important to establish bylaws for the Eastern Red Cedar Advisory Board, with Mr. Bledsoe, Mr. Reese and Mr. Geissler agreeing. Mr. Bledsoe will be the chairman of the committee, which will consist of Pat Clark, George Geissler, Board members, and Jackie Brink-Rosen, auxiliary member. The committee will meet this month and work on bylaws to be presented at the September 9, 2011 Board meeting.

Mr. Maddux asked Mr. Nathan Lillie if he would make a presentation on natural resource management/woody biomass at either the September or October Board meeting and Mr. Lillie agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

President, Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board

Executive Secretary