

# MINUTES

## EASTERN RED CEDAR REGISTRY BOARD

Friday, July 6, 2012  
10:00 a.m.

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

The Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board met in regular session at 10:00 a.m., July 6, 2012, in the Consumer Protection Services Division (CPS) 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: Gary Bledsoe, Chairman  
Trent Campbell, Designee of Bob Thompson  
Steven Glasgow  
Elmer Maddux  
Jim Reese  
Mike Thralls

Members Absent: Bruce Brown, Vice-Chairman  
Pat Clark  
Dr. Salim Hiziroglu  
Steve Thompson

Others Present: Paul Todd, Aromatic Cedar Association  
Jacqueline Brink-Rosin  
Dawn Nester  
Gary Williams  
Dr. Craig McKinley

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

### Approval of the Minutes

Jim Reese moved, Elmer Maddux seconded, to approve the minutes as presented of the May 4, 2012, meeting of the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board.

Those voting Aye: Gary Bledsoe, Trent Campbell, Steven Glasgow, Elmer Maddux, Jim Reese, Mike Thralls. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Bruce Brown, Pat Clark, Dr. Hiziroglu, Steve Thompson. The motion passed.

## Presentations

### Marketing Committee

Bruce Brown was not present for the meeting. and Jacklyn Brink-Rosen did not have a report for this meeting.

### Education Committee

Dr. McKinley did not have a report to present.

### Prescribed Fire and Statewide Insurance Committee

Gary Bledsoe reported that he believed there were a number of people who wanted to participate in prescribed burns, but no one wanted to assume the responsibility of being the fire chief at the burn. Normally the landowner is the fire chief and there is a reluctance to assume the responsibility and liability. Mr. Bledsoe also reported that even with a statewide insurance plan there would still be reluctance on the part of some people to do a burn considering the responsibility of insuring your neighbor's land didn't catch fire.

Mr. Bledsoe has spoken with Darrel Dominick about the statewide insurance plan and it is his understanding that Mr. Dominick is working on forming a 501c3 for this plan and anticipates it will be complete by early fall. Estimates at this time are that it will be \$75-\$100 per burn. Mr. Glasgow stated that the rate comes down with more people signed up and the more members in each burn association that pay annual dues, the cost will be reduced. He also said that OSU has agreed to do a 2-day training/certification course. A portion of the course would be online and day one of the course would be training and day two would be an actual burning experience. Steven Glasgow reported that NRCS keeps track of any plan written for a burn plan.

Gary Williams, ODAFF Forester, said there were forms on the forestry website that landowners could fill out to write and submit a burn plan. Once submitted, the department would get with the landowner to determine the best time to have the burn. It is better to try to get the plan submitted a year in advance and is limited to east of I-35 or the I-35 just because of logistics.

Mr. Reese pointed out that frequently the burn season is the same time that a burn ban is in effect and it took 2 years before we could do a safe burn at Draper Lake.

### New Business

Ms. Brink-Rosen stated that Representative Morrissette continues to review the options for developing and funding training and certification for prison labor to harvest cedar. She will also research who we might be able to get to come to a meeting to talk about federal funding and grants.

### Old Business

There was no Old Business to report.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012, in the CPS Conference Room at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

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President, Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board

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Executive Secretary