

MINUTES

EASTERN REDCEDAR REGISTRY BOARD

Friday, January 17, 2014
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., January 17, 2014, in the Consumer Protection Services 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
Bruce Brown
Jim Reese
Elmer Maddux
Richard McDaniel (Designee for Scott Thompson)
Joel Rodriguez (Designee for Bob Thompson)
Paul Todd
Dr. Salim Hiziroglu

Members Absent: Mike Thralls
Steven Glasgow

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

Mr. Bledsoe welcomed Dr. McKinley, Aromatic Cedar Association, and Leslie Harrison.

Approval of the Minutes

Elmer Maddux moved, Paul Todd seconded, to approve the minutes as presented of the January 17, 2014, meeting of the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board.

Those voting Aye: Gary Bledsoe, Bruce Brown, Jim Reese, Elmer Maddux, Richard McDaniel, Joel Rodriguez, Paul Todd, and Dr. Hiziroglu. No: None. Abstentions: None. The motion passed.

2013 Annual Report

A motion was made by Bruce Brown, Seconded by Jim Reese, to approve the 2013 Eastern Red Cedar Registry Annual Report as presented.

Those voting Aye: Gary Bledsoe, Bruce Brown, Jim Reese, Elmer Maddux, Richard McDaniel, Joel Rodriguez, Paul Todd, and Dr. Hiziroglu. No: None. Abstentions: None. The motion passed.

Reports

Marketing: Mr. Brown reported that he has not had any further contact from a North Carolina company who was interested in installing a wood burning boiler in the federal prison in El Reno. He also reported that he met with a horizontal drilling company regarding the opportunity of using ERC for feedstock and buying from SE Oklahoma and hauling to Texas.

Mr. Maddux reported that he is meeting with a representative from Blue Sky next week. They have said they want all the timber from his area and they plan to pellet and ship to Catoosa. Blue Sky believes if they can ship for \$150/ton they can make the process successful. Mr. Bruce said it is \$80/ton just to chip, but if they are including transportation, then \$150/ton is about right.

Education: Dr. Salim reported that the Aromatic Cedar Association would have a Board meeting next week. Mr. Todd stated that there was a pellet operation in Wayne, Oklahoma that has been in business for 30 years and one of their products is shavings for animal bedding.

Education/Research: Dr. McKinley reported that the Bureau of Indian Affairs was sponsoring an Eastern Red Cedar on Indian Lands Workshop in Muskogee on January 22, 2014. The purpose of the workshop is to inform the Oklahoma Tribes and Restricted Indian landowners of the Eastern Red Cedar encroachment, removal methods and commercial use.

Prescribed Fire & Statewide Insurance: Mr. Bledsoe said the Prescribed Burn Association would be holding a prescribed burn training session on January 27, 2014. He also reported that efforts are still being made to obtain a statewide insurance program; it's not complete, but progress is being made.

Old Business

Mr. Reese asked if anyone had any more information or thoughts about purchasing a furnace to put in a prison and then start a bid process for the pellets.

Mr. Reese moved, Mr. Brown seconded, that Gary Bledsoe be named as chairman of a committee to research what type of furnace should be purchased and to write a Conservation Innovation Grant to help purchase the furnace. Mr. Bledsoe will select the members of the committee.

Those voting Aye: Gary Bledsoe, Bruce Brown, Jim Reese, Elmer Maddux, Richard McDaniel, Joel Rodriguez, Paul Todd, and Dr. Hiziroglu. No: None. Abstentions: None. The motion passed.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. in the CPS Conference Room at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Maddux moved, Mr. Reese seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Vice Chairman, Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board

Executive Secretary