

# MINUTES

## EASTERN RED CEDAR REGISTRY BOARD

Friday, October 17, 2014  
10:00a.m.

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

The Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board met in regular session at 10:00a.m., October 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  
Jim Reese  
Dr. Salim Hiziroglu  
Lisa Knauf Owen  
Paul Todd  
Elmer Maddux

Members Absent: Bruce Brown  
Scott Thompson  
Bob Thompson  
Steven Glasgow

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

Mr. Bledsoe welcomed Dr. Craig McKinley, Aromatic Cedar Association and George Geissler, State Forester, Oklahoma Forestry.

Mr. Maddux moved, Mr. Reese seconded, to approve the minutes as presented of the August 15, 2014, meeting of the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board.

Those voting Aye: Gary Bledsoe, Jim Reese, Dr. Hiziroglu, Elmer Maddux, Lisa Knauf Owen and Paul Todd. No: None. Abstentions: None. The motion passed.

## Reports

### Marketing

Mr. Reese reminded the ERC Board Bruce Brown is tentatively staying on the ERC Board until a replacement could be found to take his place.

### Education

Dr. Hiziroglu reported the Aromatic Cedar Association Convention would be holding their annual Cedar Summit at the Fairview Community Center in Fairview, OK on October 18, 2014. Thirty people have registered and with the expected walk-ins attendance should be around forty.

Mr. Paul Todd met with Gary Hastings, who enquired and seems very interested in the extraction of cedar oil. In addition to the first meeting he and Hastings have met three to four additional times and discussed the market side of cedar oil.

In the town of Fairview Mr. Todd is meeting with other people who are also interested in cedar oil. Considerable effort is being put forth to make something happen.

### Research

Dr. Hiziroglu brought two experimental samples of red cedar particle board to the meeting. Dr. Hiziroglu used 2% formaldehyde as a binder in the particle board mixture instead of the usual 10% common factor. One sample had a smooth creamy outside texture and the other sample looked like regular chipped particle board only red. His plans are to produce other samples.

Mr. Reese asked what it would take to get the red cedar particle board to the market. Dr. Hiziroglu replied money \$40 to \$50 million to build a manufacturing plant.

Mr. Bledsoe asked if an existing fiber board company could manufacture the cedar particle board. Dr. Hiziroglu's comment was a huge supply of raw material would be needed and are there enough resources in the State of Oklahoma to produce this supply. There is no record to date to substantiate the resources.

Dr. McKinley commented several years ago he visited a company named Huber, located in SE Oklahoma, who manufactured wood products and he asked if they would be interested in producing a cedar line. There was no interest. Huber stated it is a commodity market which fluctuates; economically, the market is just not there.

There is a company called Giles and Kendal located in Huntsville, AL who is currently making a chip board product not a particle board has the smell of cedar but is somewhat inferior.

Mr. Reese asked if termites liked cedar. Dr. Hiziroglu said the termites would eat the wood but stayed away from the oil.

## Prescribed Fire & Statewide Insurance

Mr. Bledsoe conducted a fire burn on his property the second week of July. The sustained south winds of 6 mph helped with the burn. A photo taken on October 7 of the same property was shared with the Board. Mr. Bledsoe has found summer burns are much easier to manage than the winter burn months. With summer burns the fire moves much slower and found more successful burn of cedar trees. Mr. Bledsoe said a summer burn is more challenging, you must find suitable days to burn due to the wind velocity, vegetation and grasses are to be a mix of both dead and green and the summer heat can be a factor. On this particular burn the fire burned 20 – 30 feet tall timber trees but it was interesting to see the trees did not burn all the way to the top. This was due to the amount of moisture in the area and could have had a potentially different outcome during a drought year.

The association completed prescribed fire totaling 2,000 acres in Lincoln County.

## Old Business

Mr. Reese reminded the Board, Bruce Brown was tentatively staying on the Board, and they need to be proactive in looking for his replacement. Currently Mr. Brown holds the Harvester's Position. Mr. Reese commented it would be good if the replacement member was also a native of the state and was a heavy harvester. Suggestions were Paul Stern and Erin Newton of Morrison.

Lisa asked status of state wide insurance. Mr. Reece said during the updated interim study there are two companies likely to make an offer soon.

## New Business

Dr. McKinley gave feedback on the legislative interim study with Representative Morrisette. There were 20 – 30 speakers scheduled with only a short time frame allowing one minute for each speaker's comments. There were a number of different entities present including an Oil Study presented by Dr. Mannis of OSU, and from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation regarding habitat good and bad for red cedar. At the end of the session just a lot of information being passed along to the attendees.

## Election of Officers

Consideration and Proposed Action on Nomination and Election of Officers to the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board.

With the change in the term of the Board officers to coincide with the calendar year, Mr. Bledsoe opened the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2015 calendar year.

The nominating committee presented the following proposed slate of officers for 2015:

Mr. Paul Todd, Chairman

Mr. Reese moved, Mr. Maddux seconded, that Mr. Paul Todd be elected as Chairman of the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board, effective January 1, 2015.

Those voting aye: Gary Bledsoe, Dr. Salim Hiziroglu, Elmer Maddux, Jim Reese and Mike Todd and Lisa Knauf Owen. Abstentions: None. Absent: Bruce Brown, Scott Thompson, Bob Thompson and Steven Glasgow. The motion passed.

Mr. Trey Lam, Vice-Chairman

Mr. Reese moved, Dr. Salim Hiziroglu seconded, that Mr. Trey Lam be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board, effective January 1, 2015.

Those voting aye: Gary Bledsoe, Dr. Salim Hiziroglu, Elmer Maddux, Jim Reese and Mike Todd: No: Lisa Knauf Owen. Abstentions: None. Absent: Bruce Brown, Scott Thompson, Bob Thompson and Steven Glasgow. The motion passed.

### Proposed Meetings Dates for 2015

Consideration and Proposed Action on Proposed Meetings dates for the 2015 Meetings of the Eastern Red Cedar Advisory Board.

Mr. Maddux moved, Mr. Reese seconded to approve the following meeting dates for 2015.

Friday, January 9, 2015	10:00 a.m.
Friday, March 13, 2015	10:00 a.m.
Friday, May 22, 2015	10:00 a.m.
Friday, August 14, 2015	10:00 a.m.
Friday, October 16, 2015	10:00 a.m.

Those voting aye: Gary Bledsoe, Dr. Salim Hiziroglu, Lisa Knauf Owen, Paul Todd, Elmer Maddux and Jim Reese. No: None. Abstentions: None. Absent: Bruce Brown, Scott Thompson, Bob Thompson and Steven Glasgow. The motion passed.

All meetings will be held at the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Building, 2800 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
The next ERC Registry Board meeting will be held on January 9, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

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Chairman, Eastern Red Cedar Registry Board

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Executive Secretary