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## Texas Pecan Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, August 7, 2020, 10:00 AM

TPB Members Present: Tami Sorrells, Mike Adams, Larry Don Womack, Kortney Chase, Jennifer Ivey, Dennis Hardman and Glen Honaker. Lance Lampman joined the meeting at 10:30 AM

TPB Members Absent: Rodney Myers

Others Present: Bob Whitney – TPB Executive Director and Patrick Dudley and Jean Lonie - TDA, Allison Beadle-Wild Hive, Joe Massey, Chad Christian, Troy Swift, Zachary Swick

President Larry Don Womack called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

Roll call of members was conducted and then a recognition of guests. The call was recorded through UberConference. It was established that there were 8 members on the call and a quorum (majority of 8 out of 9) was established.

Minutes of the April 9 meeting were distributed to members by email. President Larry Don asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There being none he asked for a motion to approve. Glen Honaker made the motion and Dennis Hardman seconded and all voted aye. Patrick Dudley reminded members to identify themselves for the record when speaking.

President Womack next moved to the financial reports. Bob Whitney gave the following report:

### August 7 Balances

\$69,169.76	Checking
\$11,775.87	Savings
<b>\$80,945.63</b>	<b>Total</b>

### April to August 7, 2020

#### **April 1, 2020 Balances**

\$104,953.62	- Checking
\$ 11,771.42	- Savings
<b>\$116,725.04</b>	<b>- Total</b>

### Income

\$30,983.31	Assessments
\$ 110.00	Farley Newsletter
<b>\$31, 093.31</b>	<b>Total Income</b>

### Expenses

\$ 7,061.83	Executive Dir. Pay - Jan-August, 2020
\$ 143.02	Travel
\$ 95.99	Farley Newsletter
\$ 1,913.30	Office – Insurance, Paper Supplies, Ink
\$ 8,082.38	Promotions – Pecans, Texas Press(election), Postage

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\$34,317.77	Promotions – Wild Hive
\$ 9,258.43	Refunds
\$ 6,000.00	USDA Pecan Weevil Research
<b>\$66,872.72</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>

Tami moved to accept the financials and Glen seconded the motion. All aye.

Agenda item V, Proposed 2020-21 Budget was discussed and is attached. Glen moved to accept the budget and Tami seconded. All voted aye.

Next Bob Whitney, Executive Director gave some updates on management. Bob discussed the potential for a financial record analysis or audit. It has not been done before and may be time to look at the books. Patrick has some potential people who might be able to do an audit.

Bob next discussed the upcoming election and ballot delivery. All got their ballots.

Bob next discussed the specialty crop grants and application process. Jean Lonie with TDA gave a report on the international grants at TDA. The TPB applications are in process and things are looking good.

Bob next talked about the election process and that ballots are being returned to the Comanche County clerk and there is a good return rate.

Next Bob discussed the TDA specialty crop grants for Pecan Weevil Monitoring and Control and the Economic Benchmarks study. Both are funded and will start this fall.

Dr. Luis Cisneroz next gave a report on progress for his research. Should be published this fall.

Allison Beadle gave a report on the changes to promotion programs due to Covid. The Wine/Pecan program is working very well and making great progress.

President Womack next discussed the next board meeting to be held on September 10. Plans are to hold the meeting in-person in San Saba. Dennis Hardman has a lodge facility that can host the meeting Patrick Dudley reported that TDA is okay with meeting in-person.

There being no further business President Womack adjourned the meeting.

# Texas Pecan Board

DATE OF MEETING: August 7, 2020  
TIME OF MEETING: 10:00 AM  
PHONE ACCESS: 254-300-7307  
WEB ACCESS: [www.uberconference.com/texaspecanboard](http://www.uberconference.com/texaspecanboard)

## AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call of Members and recognition of guests
- III. Discussion and Approval of Minutes from April 9, 2020 Meeting in De Leon, TX
- IV. Discussion and Possible Action on 2019-20 Financial Reports
- V. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed TPB Budget for 2020-21 Fiscal Year
- VI. Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Director Updates for TPB Management
- VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Specialty Crop Grants for 2020-21 and 2020-2022.
- VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on Wild Hive/TPB Promotion Programs.
- IX. Discussion and Possible Action on upcoming TPB Member Election, September 1.
- X. Discussion and Possible Action on Specialty Crop Grant Presentation by Dr. Luis Cisneros, TAMU
- XI. Discussion and Possible Action on TPB Website, TPB Email and Mail Newsletters.
- XII. Update and Possible Action on Potential Collaborative Projects
- XIII. Discussion and Possible Action on future TPB meeting venue, date and topics. Proposed date is September 10, 2020.
- XIV. Adjourn

**REQUEST FOR ANNUAL BUDGET APPROVAL  
TEXAS COMMODITY REFERENDUM ACT**

We, the Texas Pecan Board request approval for expenditure of the following funds for the period of September 1, 20 through August 31, 21 up to the maximum total amount stated.

Estimated balance on Day 1 of Fiscal Year (if applicable)	\$ <u>85,000.00</u>
Estimated Income from Collections	\$ <u>134,000.00</u>
Estimated Income – other sources <u>Grants</u>	\$ <u>50,000.00</u>
Estimated Refunds _____%	\$ <u>12,000.00</u>
<b>Estimated total available for expenditure</b>	\$ <u>257,000.00</u>

<b>Proposed Budget (Total)</b>	\$ <u>180,000.00</u>
Promotion	\$ <u>120,000.00</u>
Research	\$ <u>35,000.00</u>
Education	\$ _____
Insect/Disease Control	\$ _____
Predator Control	\$ _____
Indemnification	\$ _____
Administration	\$ <u>25,000.00</u>
Other (specify)	\$ _____

(attach detailed explanation of expenditures by category)

**Estimated balance on last day of fiscal year if proposed expenditures are made:** \$ 77,000.00

I certify that the proposed expenditures have been approved by official action of the Texas Pecan  
(name of organization)  
Board and that they are consistent with the requirement of the Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 41.

Bob Whitney  
Executive Director/~~Chairman of the Board~~

Date Board Approved: August 7, 2020 (please attach minutes of meeting reflecting approval)

\*Budget Approval. The board of any producer of agricultural commodity shall prepare a budget in advance of the expenditure of any funds, which shall be filed with the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Commissioner shall review the budget and shall approve or reject the budget. Once approval of the budget is obtained, then the funds may be expended. Funds assessed and collected by the Board may not be expended for use directly or indirectly to promote or oppose the election of any candidate for public office or to influence legislation. All funds are subject to audit by the State Auditor. Texas Agriculture Code, Chapter 41, §41.059

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Commissioner of Agriculture

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Date Approved