

T E X A S P E C A N B O A R D

Texas Pecan Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 9, 2020

TPB Members Present: Rodney Myers, Tami Sorrells, Mike Adams, Larry Don Womack, and Glen Honaker.

TPB Members Absent: Lance Lampman, Errol John Dietze, Kyle Brookshire, David Leonard

Others Present: Bob Whitney – TPB Executive Director and Patrick Dudley - TDA, Jennifer Ivey, Dennis Hardman, Kortney Chase and Allison Beadle-Wild Hive.

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 5 members on the call and a quorum (majority of 5 out of 9) was established.

Larry Don – President next changed the order of business moving to Agenda Item VII the acceptance of resignations and filling subsequent board vacancies. Bob Whitney presented the resignations of Kyle Brookshire, Errol John Dietze and David Leonard. Patrick discussed that the new board members approved by the board would fill the unexpired terms of the member they are replacing. A Motion was made by Glen to accept these resignations and a second by Tami to accept the resignations of Kyle, Errol John and David. Larry Don voted - yes, Glen - yes, Tami - yes, Mike - Yes, Rodney - Yes. All aye.

Next, Larry Don presented the replacement board members that will fill the unexpired terms as outlined in the TPB Bylaws, Article 3, Section 2 – Vacancies. Jennifer Ivey was presented by Larry Don to fill the unexpired term of Errol John which expires in 2024. Kortney Chase was presented to fill the term of David Leonard which expires in 2022 and Dennis Hardman was presented to fill the unexpired term of Kyle Brookshire which expires in 2022. Mike Adams moved to fill the position of David Leonard by Kortney Chase, seconded by Glen. Voting yes – Larry Don, Tami, Glen, Rodney and Mike. Mike Adams moved to fill the position of Kyle Brookshire by Dennis Hardman and Rodney seconded. Voting yes – Larry Don, Tami, Glen, Rodney and Mike. Last, Mike Adams moved to fill the position of Errol John Dietze by Jennifer Ivey and Glen seconded. Voting yes – Larry Don, Tami, Rodney, Mike and Glen.

Patrick Dudley next administered the oath of office for each new board member. All new board members accepted and were sworn in as new Texas Pecan Board members.

Tami Sorrells, Secretary-Treasurer discussed the minutes of the February 21, 2020 meeting held by UberConference. Larry Don asked for any changes. Tami moved to accept and Glen seconded. Roll call vote and all voted yes including new board members.

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Next Bob Whitney discussed the financial statements giving updates since the February 21 meeting. Checking account balance of \$106, 931.25 and savings account balance of \$11,769.01 making a total of \$116,722.63 in all accounts. Total expenses since last meeting were **\$1,977.63**. Tami moved to approve financials and Glen seconded. Roll call vote all yes.

Allison Beadle next discussed a promotion plan for 2020. Things have changed dramatically with the virus problems. Allison discussed 3 items that they recommend for promotion this year. Items include Texas Pecans, Wine Not?, Texas Pecan/HEB RD Program Partnership and Promotion, Texas Pecan Day at the State Fair. There was a lively discussion about promotion and how it will work in the future with all the difficulties in the world. There was no need to approve the budget but simply affirm the general concepts presented by Wild Hive. Glen moved to approve the promotion efforts and Rodney seconded. Larry Don, Rodney, Tami, Glen, Kortney, Jennifer voted yes and Dennis Hardman voted no. Mike Adams left the call but was in favor of the proposals.

The board then decided to formalize the making of Honorary Board members. Rodney moved to develop an Honorary Board member position and Glen seconded. Larry Don, Rodney, Kortney, Jennifer, Dennis, Glen voted yes. Tami Sorrells left the call.

Jennifer Ivey gave an update on APC including some election information. Next APC board meeting is set for April 20

Dennis asked about the research Dr. Luis Cisneros at TAMU did for TPB. No report was given but we will try to get more information. Rodney didn't have any report to give. It was hoped that he can give an update at the next board meeting. (He was contacted and will give an update)

Larry Don voiced his appreciation of all board members especially the new members. Larry Don adjourned the meeting and all agreed.

May 11, 2020. Bob Whitney.