

MINUTES
Tree Farm Committee
06/03/2015

The Arkansas Tree Farm Committee met Wednesday, June 3 at the AFA Office in Little Rock at 10:00 a.m. Chair John Cook called the meeting to order. Others present were: Carol Guffey, Robert Murphy, Wade Hargrave, Kevin Hickie, Josh Smith, Scott Youngblood, Jody Perritt, Charlie Oholendt, Shane Booth, Darren Spinks, Larry Nance and Jennifer Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Welcome and introductions ensued.

Minutes of the March meeting were emailed. Minutes were approved as distributed.

2015 Inspections

- 120 Required – 114 remaining

	Assigned	Remaining		Assigned	Remaining
District 1	21	20	District 5	39	39
District 2	7	7	District 6	10	10
District 3	3	3	District 7	10	10
District 4	27	22	District 8	3	3

- 1388 “Scheduled” – aka Optional – 1345 remaining

	Assigned	Remaining		Assigned	Remaining
District 1	346	346	District 5	549	549
District 2	26	26	District 6	10	10
District 3	16	16	District 7	57	57
District 4	360	317	District 8	24	24

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING REQUIRED INSPECTIONS FOR 2015 IS: AUGUST 31, 2015

Tree Farmer of the Year

- Two nominations were submitted for review. The merits of both submissions were discussed and voted upon. The Coley Farms Trust was selected as the 2015 Tree Farmer of the Year.

District Meetings

- John Cook discussed the merits of the District Meetings. He thought that attendees got a lot out of them, and wants to continue the practice. He encouraged the District Chairs of those districts that had not had a meeting to schedule contact Jennifer to schedule one.

State Voice State Choice Update

- New funding letters sent were sent to industry, requesting funding for the Tree Farm program. The Tree Farm program Strategic Planning Session has been set for October 20-21. Interested parties should contact Jennifer.

Tree Farmer Conference

- Woodland owners from around the state are invited to attend the 1st Annual Tree Farmer Conference on June 18 at the Gene Moss Building in Benton. The conference helps provide information on woodland management to landowners. All District Chairs are encouraged to attend.

Other Business

- No other business was discussed.

Adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Next scheduled meeting: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 5 at the AFA Offices.