

**MINUTES  
ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION  
AUGUST 20, 2009**

PRESIDING – Melisa Love, Chairman

SECRETARY - Linda Casey, State Forester

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT – Melisa Love-Chairman, Don Heath, Jerry Smith, Jett Freeman, Randy Gilmore and Johnny McReynolds.

ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION PERSONNEL PRESENT - Linda Casey, Bill Baisden, Tom Conway Bruce Springer, and Regina Miller.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER –Chairman Melisa Love called this special meeting of the Alabama Forestry Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. on August 20, 2009 in the Forestry Commission’s Executive Conference Room located at 513 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.

ROLL CALL - Commissioners Melisa Love, Don Heath, Jerry Smith, Jett Freeman, Randy Gilmore and Johnny McReynolds were present. Randy Gilmore and Jerry Smith were absent.

MINUTES OF THE JULY 23, 2009 MEETING – A motion was made to accept the minutes of the July meeting with the following changes – the ARRA Longleaf Grant involves 5 states and Melisa Love’s last name was corrected . Don Heath made a motion to approve the minutes with these changes. Johnny McReynolds seconded the motion and the motion carried.

WILCOX COUNTY FIRE TOWER - Don Heath made a motion to donate the two abandoned fire towers in Wilcox County if Tom learned that they are no longer needed for communications purposes. Jett Freeman seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ARRA GRANT UPDATE - Cogongrass - Bill Baisden stated that nine companies applied for the Cogongrass Coordinator position. A selection committee composed of himself, Linda Casey, Tom Conway, Dan Jackson, John Taylor (USFS in Atlanta), Melisa Love and Jett Freeman (1<sup>st</sup> day only), participated in the interviews. As a result of the RFP’s and interviews, the firm of Larson & McGowin was selected for the position of coordinator.

Longleaf – Bill said that the Longleaf Alliance will administer this grant of \$1.757 million dollars.

Linda Casey informed Commissioners that the AFC will also receive an ARRA Prescribed burning Grant in the amount of \$5,000,000.

Chairman Love called the meeting into executive session at 10:39 a.m. to discuss the Assistant State Forester candidates.

At 11:07 a.m., Love called the meeting back into regular session. Johnny McReynolds made a motion to hire Patrick Glass for the position of AFC Assistant State Forester. Jett Freeman seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioners chose to schedule the next meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 6, 2009.

Don Heath made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m. Johnny McReynolds seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.