



Tuesday, April 1, 2025



Chairman Bill Stanley called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Jason Vanover led the invocation. Secretary Tidwell called roll with 9 members answering present. Six members were absent. Treasurer Crutchfield gave his report with a current balance of \$7,351.20. No other committee reports were given.

North Cumberland Manager Keith Thomas relayed that the case on the Red Ash elk poaching incident is still open with the Agency awaiting TBI lab results. There were two prescribed burns and one arson fire which burned around 2,200 acres on Fork Mountain. Two more prescribed burns are planned at Puncheon Camp and Massengale Mountain. Thomas reported that ideally 2,000 to 3,000 acres are burned for management purposes yearly.

Chairman Stanley reported that LaFollette may once again host an OHV Festival. If that does occur, CORA will plan to have a booth set up at the event.

Glennis Monday reported on two recent litter control events. Flat Hollow/Norris Lake: 3.43 tons of trash removed along 2.5 miles of shoreline by 20 volunteers. Tackett Creek/Ed Carter Unit: 186 bags of garbage removed by 60 volunteers.

Chairman Stanley discussed the Appalachian Regional Commission study grant and the meetings he had been attending. Camping, hiking, rock climbing and other activities have been discussed, but there has yet to be any discussions concerning motorized recreation.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, the annual Wounded Warrior turkey hunt will take place. Chairman Stanley discussed CORA's support of the event. Jason Vanover made a motion to support the event with a \$500.00 donation from CORA. Glennis Monday seconded the motion.

Chairman Stanley also talked about the upcoming annual CORA barbeque in October. He will go ahead and reserve shelter #5 at Cove Lake State Park.

Last on the agenda was Fred Walker bringing the board up-to-date as per his attendance at the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission meeting. Walker is an advocate for a flintlock season for deer in late January. He addressed the Commission on his vision of this potential new season. Walker has an online petition accessible at:

<https://chng.it/X5mDfk6HLg>

The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

