



Tuesday, May 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes



Chairman Bill Stanley called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and led the invocation. The meeting was held outside the courthouse due to the building being locked. Secretary Tidwell called roll with 9 members answering present while 6 were absent, followed by the reading and acceptance of the April minutes.

Committee reports given showed no account activity from Treasurer Crutchfield, a call for newsletter submittals from Tidwell, and during the trails report it was noted that from the elk viewing tower gate to the tower the road has a lot of drainage damage.

Joe Elkins, TWRA WMA Coordinator, noted that the two prescribed burns mentioned in April's minutes had been completed. He also announced that long-serving TWRA personnel Rusty Dunn, OHV Manager, and Fred Jordan, Equipment Operator, will be retiring in the near future.

For public comments, one person addressed the group over concerns of boat traffic on Norris, specifically "wake" boats. Elkins will forward the concerns to TWRA's boating division.

Fred Walker gave an update on his proposal for a late January flintlock season for deer. Walker also spoke about the Fish and Wildlife Commission's proposals for use of straight wall cartridges during the traditional muzzleloader season, and possible tweaks to the bear season.

President Lewis asked some questions surrounding lingering public confusion of the new OHV fee structure and the effectual dates and types of licenses. Also, discussion was entered into concerning the new species permits being implemented by TWRA. Joe Elkins will get some clarification as per those topics.

The meeting dismissed at 7:40pm.

