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Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 Meeting Minutes



Left: Chairman Bill Stanley. Right: CORA President Terry Lewis.

The meeting came to order at 7:03pm. Reverend Ron Lambert led the invocation with special prayer for Sheriff Wayne Barton, Glennis Monday, and Coy Crutchfield who have been facing medical issues. Secretary Tidwell called roll with 7 members present and 7 absent. The reading and acceptance of January's minutes followed.

Chairman Stanley gave the financial report forwarded by Treasurer Coy Crutchfield. Stanley also read a letter from Glenn Massengill's family thanking CORA members for their presence at the long-standing board member's visitation/funeral and for the flowers that were sent.

E.L. Morton, publicity chairperson, gave updates on coverage given to CORA by WLAF and his efforts to have monthly meetings posted in LaFollette Press.

In the newsletter report, discussions were held on the ever-increasing cost of printing. The last issue was \$2.01 per copy. VP Ronald Lambert brought a motion to prioritize digital distribution and limit actual print copies. Discussion was also made about the use of QR codes, through various venues, to make access straight forward to the online editions. (Newsletters and meeting minutes are available 24/7/365 via CORA website and social media).

Lambert also added that Pine Grove Baptist Church is willing to purchase a freezer and assist with Hunters For The Hungry food distribution.

NCWMA Manager Keith Thomas gave a rundown of deer and bear harvests for the season: total 418 consisting of 313 antlered and 105 antlerless deer. On Cove Creek WMA: 22 antlered and 15 antlerless deer were harvested. In Campbell County. 3 bears archery and 1 gun. Surrounding counties: 9 bears archery, 1 gun. CWD, elk mortality, legalized deer baiting, and drone usage were also covered. Thomas has just retired after 23.5 years of service with the USMC. CORA commends him for his service.

Wildlife Manager Darrell England updated a recent elk poaching case which will soon be in court in two counties. He was commended by CORA for his tireless efforts in working this case which also involved the TBI.

President Lewis read a report from Fred Walker on his proposed flintlock season for deer. At this time, it does not look like the TFWC is going to approve such a season.

Lewis spoke about the upcoming 22nd Wounded Warrior Turkey Hunt scheduled for the last weekend in April. Lewis also updated the group about Senate Bill 2183 which if passed would allocate 10% of TVA payments in lieu of taxes be used to help fund TWRA. Governor Bill Lee is also expected to grant TWRA a one-time, ten-million-dollar outlay.

Last, Manuel Mesa spoke about Campbell County Chamber of Commerce's new two- minute video highlighting the area.

The meeting dismissed at 8:02pm.



Left: Wildlife Manager Darrell England. Right: NCWMA Manager Keith Thomas.