

Texas Prescribed Burning Board Minutes

Via Conference Call

Wednesday, June 20, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to a notice posted on June 01, 2020, the Prescribed Burning Board (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Justin Penick. The roll was answered as follows:

Present: James “Rooter” Brite, Rich Gray, Keith Sheedy, Dale Scott, Justin Penick, Wayne Pfluger, Rusty Ray, Dr. William Rogers, Dr. Morgan Treadwell, Chris Schenck, Dale Smith

Absent: Dr. Nathan Gill, Charles Tatton

With eleven members in attendance and two members absent, a quorum was present.

Guests: Patrick Dudley (TDA)

The Chair opened with welcoming everyone to the conference call.

REVIEW OF SUNSET ADVISORY COMMISSION REPORT

The Chair laid out the Sunset Advisory Commission Report for review by the Board. The Board discussed by issue in a round robin format. Regarding Issue 3.1, the Board came to a consensus that, while clarity in rule making authority should be addressed, the Board should still stay a semi-independent Board and not as an advisory board. Regarding Issue 3.2, the Board agrees with clarifying in statute that reciprocity agreements between other states with equal or higher standards to that of Texas can be made. Regarding Issue 3.3, the Board believed the intent of the Board was not to create subjective or vague requirements that would unfairly assess applicants and will look at changing language in the most recent version of the certified and insured prescribed burn manager application, PBB-601. Regarding Issue 4.1, while not specifically addressed to the Prescribed Burning Board, the Board agreed guidelines for criminal history reviews should be created and supports the submission of criminal history

reviews of applicants seeking to become CIPBMs. Regarding Fiscal Implication, the Board disagreed there would be a net neutral fiscal implication to the revision offered by the Sunset Commission in Issue 3.1.

MEETING DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Upon discussing the Sunset Advisory Commission's report with the Board, the Board then reviewed and discussed each section of the response draft to the Sunset Advisory Commissions Report.

Issue 3.1 – The Chair made a motion to accept the response to the Sunset Advisory Commissions report provided that the Chair and Vice Chair could further enhance the current language to include comments by the Board members. Seeing no objection, the motion passed unanimously.

Issue 3.2 – The Chair made a motion to accept the response concerning reciprocity as written. Seeing no objection, the motion passed unanimously.

Issue 3.3 – The Chair made a motion to accept the response to the Sunset Advisory Commission's report provided the Chair and Vice Chair could further enhance the current language to include comments by the Board members. Seeing no objection, the motion passed unanimously.

Issue 4.1 – The Chair made a motion to accept the response concerning criminal history reviews on CIPBMs. Seeing no objection, the motion was passed unanimously.

Fiscal Implication – The Chair made a motion to accept the response concerning Fiscal Implication as written. Seeing no objections, the motion was passed unanimously.

The Chair then opened the floor for public comment. Having no public comments, the Board discussed a possible location change for the August 27, 2020 meeting. Patrick Dudley will discuss with Dale Smith on possibly being able to hold the next meeting at the JA Ranch in the Panhandle and will get back with the Board on the location of the meeting.

AJOURNMENT

With no additional business, Chairman Penick entertained a motion to adjourn until the next meeting. Seeing no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.