

**Council for Burley Tobacco
Annual Meeting in Versailles, Kentucky
September 29, 2020**

President Darrell Varner called the meeting to order.

Treasurer Al Pedigo gave the Invocation.

Varner introduced Cliff Parker, AgWin to give an update on the TAGS program and the new partnership with Council for Burley Tobacco and the Tobacco Growers Association of North Carolina.

Varner introduced Brian Lacefield, KY FSA Director to give an update on the Covid Assistance Programs through USDA.

Varner introduced Ann Fisher, KTRDC and Bob Pearce, UK to give an update on tobacco research.

Varner introduced Will Snell, UK to give an update on the tobacco economy and forecast.

Al Pedigo gave an update on Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association dissolution.

Varner presented the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting.

Motion was made by Al Pedigo and seconded by Eddie Warren to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting.

Motion passed.

Varner presented the Council's Financial Report.

Motion was made by Donald Mitchell and seconded by Al Pedigo to accept the financial report.

Motion passed.

Varner turned the meeting over to Hampton Henton for the election of Grower-at-Large members.

Henton opened the floor for nominations for the two Grower-at-Large positions open.

Donald Mitchell nominated Darrell Varner. Eddie Warren nominated Al Pedigo. Motion was made by Donald Mitchell and seconded by Guy Heitkemper for the nominations to cease.

Motion passed.

Darrell Varner and Al Pedigo were elected as new Grower-at-Large members for a three year term.

Varner thanked the members for attending and encouraged all growers to be sure to sign in to become members on the Council so they can be made aware of issues in the tobacco industry.

Motion was made by Eddie Warren and seconded by Larry Clark to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.