

**Minutes from the Council for Burley Tobacco meeting
April 18, 2013**

President Todd Clark called the meeting to order.

Secretary/Treasurer Rod Kuegel gave the Council's Financial Report (on file) and an update on the 2012-2013 Check-off Fund (on file).

Secretary/Treasurer Rod Kuegel presented the minutes from the March 2013 meeting. Motion was made by Eddie Warren and seconded by Alice Baesler to approve minutes from the March 2013 meeting.

Motion passed.

Daniel Green, Burley Stabilization, gave an update on the burley market in Tennessee and the Burley Stabilization market.

Pat Raines, Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, gave an update on the operations at the Coop and burley purchases for the season. He also introduced Steve Pratt the new General Manager of the BTGCA.

Mark Haney, Kentucky Farm Bureau, gave an update on Kentucky Farm Bureau and issues impacting the burley industry.

Hampton Henton and Marcinda Kester, and John McCauley gave an update on the NRCS Tobacco Roundtable discussion held in March.

Rod Kuegel gave an update on the federal immigration issue and the impact on the agricultural industry.

Discussion was had on the new contract options available to producers. Many were concerned that some farmers were not aware of the loss of rights to the crop when they sign certain agreements. Marcinda Kester, KY FSA, explained that FSA loans were not available to producers who signed contracts in which they did not retain ownership rights to the tobacco.

Todd Clark introduced the list of grant applications the Council had received since the Council launched the application process following the March 2013 meeting. Discussion was had as to the best way to proceed with the review of the applications. Todd Clark asked applicants present at the meeting to give a brief summary of their project. No action toward funding was made at the meeting.

Todd Clark began the process of electing the new board of directors.

Mark Haney, KY Farm Bureau President, introduced Scott Travis and Shane Wiseman as the KY Farm Bureau representatives nominated to serve on the board. Motion was made by Hampton Henton and seconded by Eddie Warren to accept the KY Farm Bureau's representatives to the Council for Burley Tobacco board.

Motion passed.

Pat Raines, Burley Cooperative Growers Association, introduced Eddie Warren and Bob James as the Burley Cooperative Growers Association representatives nominated to serve on the board. Motion was made by Hampton Henton and seconded by Scott Travis to accept the Burley Cooperative Growers Association's representatives to the Council for Burley Tobacco board.

Motion passed.

Daniel Green, Burley Stabilization, introduced Kenneth Reynolds as the Burley Stabilization representative nominated to serve on the board. Motion was made by Hampton Henton and seconded by Mark Haney to accept the Burley Stabilization representative to the Council for Burley Tobacco board.

Motion passed.

Clark asked Will Snell to give the nomination committee report for the Grower-at-Large ballot. Snell reported the list of individuals on the ballot for the six Grower-at-Large board seats: Todd Clark, Fayette County; Danny Collins, Mason County; Shane Courtney, Shelby County; Hampton "Hoppy" Henton, Woodford County; Rod Kuegel, Daviess County; James Lyon, Scott County; Al Pedigo, Allen County; Clint Quarles, Scott County; and Greg Harris, Madison County.

Motion was made by Scott Travis and seconded by Mark Haney to add David Chappell to the ballot.

Motion passed.

Motion was made by Eddie Warren and seconded by Shane Wiseman for the nominations to cease.

Motion passed.

Vote was held by secret ballot. Will Snell, UK; Kara Keeton, Keeton Communications; and Brent Lackey, KCARD counted the ballots. Will Snell announced the following individuals were elected to fill the six Grower-at-Large board seats: David Chappell, Todd Clark, Greg Harris, Hampton Henton, Rod Kuegel, and Al Pedigo.

The meeting was adjourned.