

**Council for Burley Tobacco
Annual Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2021**

President Darrell Varner called the meeting to order.

Larry Clark welcomed the Council members to the Green County Extension Office.

Vice President Al Pedigo gave the Invocation.

Varner gave an update on the Council's activities during the past year. He noted that Covid shut down in person meetings for most of the year, but the Council continued to work with companies via Zoom meetings.

Pedigo gave an update on the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association's dissolution and pending settlement payments to growers.

Varner introduced Will Snell, UK Agriculture Economics, to give an update on the 2021 Tobacco Economy. Snell led a open discussion on the upcoming market season.

Varner presented the minutes from the September 29, 2020 meeting. Motion was made by Hampton Henton and seconded by Dale Seay to approve the minutes from the meeting.

Motion passed.

Treasurer Hampton Henton presented the Council's Financial Report. Motion was made by Eddie Warren and seconded by Bob James to accept the financial report.

Motion passed.

Varner presented the proposed bylaw change for discussion. The membership will vote on changes at next meeting.

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

Larry Clark nominated Chris Clark. Hoppy Henton nominated Brad Sheran. Motion was made by Eddie Warren and seconded by Shane Wiseman for the nominations to cease.

Motion passed.

Chris Clark and Brad Sheran 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 Larry Clark and seconded by Bob James to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned.

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