

**Council for Burley Tobacco
Annual Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2022**

President Darrell Varner called the meeting to order.

Vice President Al Pedigo gave the Invocation.

Varner gave an update on the Council's activities during the past year. He noted that the Council continues to work with companies and our other tobacco organizations to address industry concerns.

Pedigo gave an update on the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association's dissolution and settlement payments. He also updated membership on the new Burley & Dark Tobacco Producer Association and the timeline for the new organization.

Varner introduced Dr. Bob Pearce and Dr. Will Snell, UK College of Agriculture Food & Environment, to give a production and market update on the tobacco industry.

Varner presented the minutes from the March 29, 2021 meeting. Motion was made by Larry Clark and seconded by Steve Downs to approve the minutes from the meeting.

Motion passed.

Varner presented the Council's Financial Report. Motion was made by Steve Jones and seconded by Larry Clark to accept the financial report.

Motion passed.

Varner asked Kara Keeton to present the proposed bylaw change for discussion.

Motion was made by Roger Quarles to amend proposed bylaws Article IX Section 3 to state that any remaining funds following a dissolution be split in the following: 1/3 to UK CAFE, 1/3 to Princeton, and 1/3 split evenly between Murry, ECU, and WKU agricultural programs.

Motion dies for lack of second.

Motion was made by Steve Jones and seconded by Larry Clark to pass bylaw changes as proposed.

Motion passed.

Varner opened the floor for nominations for the one Grower-at-Large position open.

Donald Mitchell nominated Dale Seay. Motion was made by Bob James and seconded by Larry Clark that nominations cease.

Motion passed.

Dale Seay was elected as new Grower-at-Large member 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.

The meeting was adjourned.

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