

# **Forest Health Cooperative FY2019 Advisory Meeting Minutes**

Location: Forestry and Wildlife Building Room 1101, Auburn University

Date: June 27-28, 2018

## **Attendance**

Dr. Lori Eckhardt, Director

Dr. James Beech, CytoViva

Dr. Emily Carter, U.S. Forest Service

T.R. Clark, F&W Forestry

Bruce De Haan, Westervelt

Austin

Paul Padgett, Scotch

Elliot, Scotch

Dr. Bridget Piculell, College of Charleston

Dana Stone, Alabama Forestry Commission

Dr. Mary Sword-Sayer, U.S. Forest Service

Dr. Brian Via

Katie Termer, Weyerhaeuser

David Wilkinson, Hancock Natural Resource Group

## **Commencement**

Meeting was called to order at 12:58 p.m. by Dr. Eckhardt

## **Presentations:**

- Luis Mendez – Forest Health Cooperative Diagnostics Laboratory Update and Sudden Oak Death Survey Update
- John Mensah – Growth and yield response of *Pinus taeda* to *Leptographium terebrantis*
- John Mensah – Chemical defensive reaction of *Pinus taeda* to *Leptographium terebrantis*
- Shrijana Duwadi – Study of soil microbial biomass and soil moisture in loblolly pine stands
- Jessica Ahl – What is insect diversity like in a mature loblolly pine stand?
- Shrijana Duwadi – The response of fine roots to the inoculation of *Leptographium terebrantis*
- Can you identify spores of fungal species on coleopteran with Hyperspectral Interferometry?
- Dr. Piculell – Genetically determined fungal pathogen tolerance and soil variation influences ectomycorrhizal traits of loblolly pine
- Dr. Via – New industry and partnerships with cross laminated timber

Meeting Adjourned 5:07 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Dr. Eckhardt. 8.29 a.m. June 28, 2018

## **Business Meeting**

Budget Review, Accomplishments, and Research Plan

Q&A and Action Items

How much does it cost to rent the greenhouse (located at the U.S. Forest Service)?

\$38,000 per month, funding provided by the Dean SWFS

When is the contract up for the greenhouse?

This upcoming September, contract is based on 5-year agreement. If we do not renew, we lose the space. Greenhouse space is extremely limited at Auburn AL.

Quarterly Updates to QPD Project (Action, Dr. Eckhardt)

Be able to provide data on request (Action, Co-op members)

Send email notification for website updates (Action, Co-op members)

Have a workshop associated with annual meeting, offer advanced training (Action, Co-op members)

GoToMeeting for long-distance members (Action, Co-op members)

GoToMeeting for shortcourse (Action, Co-op members)

Have advisory meetings at member location (Suggestion, Dr. Eckhardt)

Disclose who is a full member on website (Action, Co-op members)

Keep an eye out for diseased needles, send in samples if possible (Action, Dr. Eckhardt)

FY2019 Work Plan and Budget

Approved Dave Wilkinson, seconded by Katie Turner