

MINUTES

Annual Meeting of Membership

January 16, 2020



- Place** : The Maxwell Center, Goldsboro, NC
- Ethics Reminder** : As required by the conflict-of-interest policy, President Leggett read and reminded the membership of their duty to avoid said conflicts.
- Minutes of 2019:** : President Leggett directed the membership to a copy of the minutes of the January 17, 2019 Annual Meeting of Membership included on page 7 of meeting booklet. A **motion** to approve the minutes as presented, was made by Jim Jones and a **2nd** by Craig West. **Motion carried.**
- Finance Committee:** : On behalf of the Secretary/Treasurer, Kim LeQuire, Director Rob Hill presented. He noted that NCSPC members vote every 6 years, on an assessment referendum to carry out this mission and read the corresponding NC General Statute. He further noted that the current assessment for producers is \$15 per planted acre. Continuing he noted that the activities and functions of the Commission are prepared based upon acreage totals and funds collected.
- Director Hill stated that current, paid, members of the NCSPC were able to review the approved budget via their Member Portal and instructions were included in the meeting booklet.
- Additionally, Director Hill noted that each year, the North Carolina SweetPotato Commission's finances are audited by an independent auditor. Most recently, Rives and Associates, LLC reviewed and audited the accounts for Fiscal Year Ending 6-30-2019. A report of the consolidated financial statements (for the Commission and Foundation) was presented to the Board of Directors at the October meeting. The result was a clean audit, which is the best result. Copies of the audited financial statements were made available, at the back of the meeting room for current members to view.
- New Business** : 2020 Board of Directors Nominations
- President Leggett announced the **nominees for Board of Directors:**
- Rob Hill, Tull Hill Farms (second term)
Kim LeQuire, Kornegay Family Farms and Produce (second term)
Michael Wood, J. Roland Wood Farms, (second term)
Frank Howell, Howell Farming, Co., Inc. (second term)
- President Leggett asked for nominations from the floor. Being none Jeffery Lee made the **motion** to close and accept the nominations; **2nd** by Craig West. The membership was polled with no opposition. **Motion carried** to accept the slate of officers, as nominated.
- President Leggett announced the nomination for U.S. Council Delegate, Jeffery Lee, Jeffery Lee Farms. Motion was made by Kendall Hill to close and accept the nomination. **2nd** by Craig West .Being no other nominations from the floor, the membership was polled with no opposition. **Motion carried** to accept Jeffery Lee as the U.S. Council delegate.
- Adjourn** : There be no further business, **motion to adjourn** was made by Jim Jones, **2nd** by Craig West, meeting adjourned at **9:12 am**