

**CHRISTMAS TREE PROMOTION BOARD
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING**

August 14, 2018

MINUTES

Welcome and Roll call – Meeting was called to order at 11:03 am Eastern by Chairperson, Jim Rockis. Board members in attendance: Roger Beyer, Rex Korson, Della Deal, Jim Rockis, Mark Steelhammer, Paul Battaglia, Beth Walterscheidt, Jim Heater, Jim Corliss, Bentley Curry, Chris Maciborski and Betty Malone. USDA Representative in attendance: Vickie Carpenter. Staff in attendance: Tim O'Connor and Marsha Gray.

Additional agenda items –There were no items added to the agenda

Meeting Minutes – It was determined that one item was missing from the July 26 meeting minutes. Board requested that the secretary and staff revise minutes and submit for approval at next board meeting.

Management Contract – It was MOVED and SECONDED to enter executive session. MOTION APPROVED. Tim O'Connor and Marsha Gray exited the call.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to not renew the contract for services with Tim O'Connor and Associates as Executive Director of the Christmas Tree Promotion Board. MOTION PASSED.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to appoint Marsha Gray as interim Executive Director of the Christmas Tree Promotion Board immediately and direct her to write and submit within 14 days a contract ending July 31, 2019. MOTION PASSED.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to remove Tim O'Connor and Associates as Executive Director of the Christmas Tree Promotion Board immediately. MOTION PASSED.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to pay Tim O'Connor and Associates until September 14, 2018. MOTION FAILED.

It was MOVED and SECONDED to seek legal advice regarding the Christmas Tree Promotion Board's financial obligations to Tim O'Connor and Associates. MOTION PASSED

Adjourn – It was MOVED and SECONDED to adjourn. Motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Walterscheidt
Secretary