

REAL CHRISTMAS TREE BOARD
BOARD MEETING
October 4, 2024

Via Video Conference

Welcome and Roll Call: Chairman Derek Ahl called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Eastern time.

Board Members in Attendance: Derek Ahl, Gary Westlake, Chris Aldrich, Charles Fowler, Chuck Berry, Bob Schaefer, Renee Beutell, Mark Schmidlin, and Mike Jones

Board Members not in Attendance: Larry Downey, Jane Neubauer, JoLynn Stroda

USDA Representative in Attendance: Sarah Richardson

Staff in Attendance: Marsha Gray and Jenny Tomaszewski

Guest in Attendance: Jeff De Lyser, Ethan Pineschi

Agenda

It was **MOVED** by Bob Schaefer and **SECONDED** by Chuck Berry to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION APPROVED.

Chairman's Report – Derek Ahl had nothing new to report.

Presentation of 2023-24 FY Audit:

- Jeff De Lyser, with Propp, Christensen, Caniglia, LLP., reviewed the audit prepared by their firm for the Christmas Tree Promotion Board's 2023-24 fiscal year. The audit provided a clean opinion with no issues or corrective actions to report.
- Renee Beutell left the meeting before the audit vote. However, there was a Board quorum.

It was **MOVED** by Gary Westlake and **SECONDED** by Chris Aldrich to approve the 2023-24 audit report as it was presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Following the presentation, Jeff De Lyser and Ethan Pineschi left the meeting.

New Business - nothing new to report.

For the Good of the Order/ Announcement:

- Marsha Gray and Board members shared on the devastation in Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and South Carolina from Hurricane Helene. They mentioned their eagerness to assist in any way they can.
- Mark Schmidlin thanked Marsha Gray for her hard work in a clean audit report.
- Chuck Berry thanked the outgoing Board members for their dedication to the RCTB.

Meeting Schedule:

Next Meeting - The RCTB's next meeting will be a conference call on January 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Eastern.

Adjourn:

It was **MOVED** by Mark Schmidlin **SECONDED** by Charles Fowler to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Chairman Derek Ahl adjourned the meeting at 11:31 p.m. Eastern.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Jones
Secretary