



## AMERICAN PECAN COUNCIL

### FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday  
OCTOBER 1, 2020  
10:00 a.m. Central Time

Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83121265767>

Or

Dial In: 1-346-248-7799  
Meeting ID: 831 2126 5767

### MINUTES

#### I. CALL TO ORDER – Mike Adams, Chairman

- A. Chairman Mike ADAMS called the meeting of the General Council to order at 10:02 a.m. The following Council members were in attendance:

### ROLL CALL – 2020 - 2022

#### Eastern Region Growers

Seat	Member		Alternate	Term Ending	
1	Trent Mason (GA)	<u>X</u>	Angie Ellis (GA)	2024	<u>X</u>
2	Buck Paulk (GA)	<u>X</u>	Brent Brinkley (GA)	2022	<u>    </u>
3	Lenny Wells (GA)	<u>X</u>	John D. Taylor (NC)	2022	<u>X</u>

#### Central Region Growers

Seat	Member		Alternate	Term Ending	
1	Shannon F. Ivey (TX)	<u>X</u>	Lalo Medina (TX)	2024	<u>X</u>
2	Mike Adams (TX)	<u>X</u>	Mike Spradling (OK)	2022	<u>X</u>
3	Larry D. Womack (TX)	<u>X</u>	Billy Scott Landgraf (OK)	2024	<u>X</u>

#### Western Region Growers

Seat	Member		Alternate	Term Ending	
1	Louis J. Salopek (NM)	<u>X</u>	Kortney Chase (NM)	2024	<u>X</u>
2	Leslie L. Daviet II (NM)	<u>X</u>	Frank Paul Salopek (NM)	2022	<u>X</u>
3	Phillip Arnold (NM)	<u>X</u>	John L. Heuler (CA)	2024	<u>X</u>

**Eastern Region Shellers**

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1	Jeff Worn (GA)	Vacancy	2024
2	Lawrence B. Willson (GA) <u>X</u>	Vacancy	2022

**Central Region Shellers**

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2	Dan York (AR) <u>X</u>	Vacancy	2022

**Western Region Shellers**

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1	Deborah E. Walden-Ralls (AZ) <u>X</u>	Bruce Caris (AZ)	2024
2	Blake Houston (CA) <u>X</u>	Sonja Roeder (NM)	2022

**Accumulator**

Seat	Member	Alternate	Term Ending
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**Public Member**

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## STAFF:

Alexander OTT	-	American Pecan Council
Jeff SMUTNY	-	American Pecan Council
Emma GARNER	-	American Pecan Council
Julianna KECK	-	American Pecan Council
Deborah BARNETT	-	American Pecan Council
Courtney SMITH	-	American Pecan Council

## OVERSIGHT

Chris NISSEN	-	MOAD
Thomas NALEPA	-	AMS
Jen VARELA	-	MOAD

## EAST REGION:

Matthew BAILEY  
Janice DEES  
Brad ELLIS

Samantha MC CLOUD  
Jon KREUGER

CENTRAL REGION:

Evo SORIA  
Katherine CLARK

WESTERN REGION

Greg DAVIETT  
John HUELER  
Bill DAVIS

B. Establish Quorum

Having received a sufficient number of Council members a quorum was established at 10:08 a.m., Central Time.

C. Review of the Council Election Results

Election results were review. Jen VERALA presented  
USDA Lobby Restrictions Statement:

Members, in their official capacities, are prohibited from taking any action specifically designed to influence legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion concerning legislation. Members, in their official capacity, may not communicate with any official of a State or Federal legislative body for the purpose of attempting to influence legislation. Members are also prohibited from attempting to influence state or Federal government actions or policies or those of foreign governments, except as specifically authorized under the Marketing Order or expressly approved by the Secretary. Members are specifically precluded from authorizing the expenditure of Marketing Order funds for the purpose of attempting to influence legislation or government actions.

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MOVED by Louie SALOPEK, duly seconded by Dan ZEDAN and unanimously carried THAT the Council nominate the following slate:

Mike ADAMS	-	Chairman
Phillip ARNOLD	-	Vice-Chairman
Deborah E. WALDEN RALLS	-	Treasurer
Trent MASON	-	Secretary

AND THAT the nominations be closed AND THAT a unanimous ballot be cast. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #1)**

**D. Chairman Update**

Chairman Mike ADAMS reflected on ten years ago a list of people did a very humbling thing. With the wisdom of the pecan industry the new members shared leadership and guidance. The industry continues to be encouraged by

the council leadership, staff working together and great administration of the order, as well as the communication with the industry.

Chairman ADAMS gave a special thank you to Mike Spradling and JB Easterlin for their service and their continuous long-term involvement.

He also thanked GL Straley for all of his financial talents and vision for the FMO. All have served for the greater good of the pecan industry.

E. Nominations of Accumulator and Alternate

MOVED by Trent MASON, duly seconded by Larry SALOPEK and unanimously carried THAT Will EASTERLIN be nominated for the position of Accumulator. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #2)**

MOVED by Dan ZEDAN, duly seconded by Deborah WALDEN-RALLS and unanimously carried THAT nominations be closed for the position of Accumulator. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #3)**

MOVED by Dan YORK, duly seconded by Phillip ARNOLD, and unanimously carried THAT Mark HAMILTON be nominated for the position of Accumulator Alternate. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #4)**

MOVED by Larry D. WOMACK, duly seconded by Les DAVIETT and unanimously carried THAT nominations closed for the position of Accumulator Alternate. **(MORTION 10-1-2020 #5)**

F. Nominations of Public Member and Alternate

MOVED by Trent MASON, duly seconded by Louie SALOPEK and unanimously carried THAT Ron HAYS be nominated for the position of Public Member. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #6)**

MOVED by Les DAVIETT, duly seconded by Deborah WALDEN RALLS and unanimously carried THAT nominations closed for the position of Public Member  
**(MOTION 10-1-2020 #7)**

MOVED by Trent MASON, duly seconded by Deborah WALDEN RALLS and unanimously carried THAT Dr. Steve BLIZZARD be nominated for the position of Public Member Alternate. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #8)**

MOVED by Dan ZEDAN, duly seconded by Larry WILLSON and unanimously carried THAT nominations closed for the position of Public Member Alternate. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #9)**

G. Nominations of Council Vacancies

MOVED by Dan ZEDAN, dully seconded by Larry WILLSON and unanimously carried THAT Steve ZAFFARANO be nominated for the position of Central Region Large Sheller Alternate. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #10)**

MOVED by Larry WILLSON, duly seconded by Deborah WALDEN RALLS and unanimously carried THAT nominations closed for the position of Central Region Large Sheller Alternate. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #11)**

MOVED by Deborah WALDEN RALLS, duly seconded by Dan ZEDAN and unanimously carried that Clint WELCH be nominated for the position of Central Region Small Sheller. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #12)**

MOVED by Larry D. WOMACK, duly seconded by Larry WILLSON and unanimously carried THAT nominations closed for the position of Central Region Small Sheller. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #13)**

MOVED by Lenny WELLS, duly seconded by Les DAVIETT and unanimously carried THAT Keith ELLIS be nominated for the position of Eastern Region Small Sheller Alternate. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #14)**

MOVED by Dan ZEDAN, duly seconded by Phillip ARNOLD and unanimously carried THAT nomination closed for the position of Eastern Region Small Sheller Alternate. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 #15)**

Dan ZEDAN brought to the attention of the Council that there are no other large shellers to fill the position of Eastern Region Large Sheller Alternate. This position will remain open for further consideration.

#### H. Approval of Officers

Please refer to MOTION 10-1-2020 #1 earlier in the Council meeting.

#### I. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOVED by Les DAVIETT, duly seconded by Louie SALOPEK and unanimously carried THAT the Minutes of August 19, 2020 be approved. **(MOTION 10-1-2020 # 16)**

### II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dan Zedan there is a working group addressing mandatory standards.
- B. Chairman ADAMS reported that USDA has performed a compliance audit on the FMO. During the audit only 7 issues were brought to our attention as

apposed to 40 issues in 2018.

- C. Dan YORK would like an investigation of the feasibility of tracking pecans by state origin and possible country origin.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Les DAVIETT, duly seconded by Dan ZEDAN and unanimously carried THAT the council meeting be adjourned at 11:05 a.m. (**MOTION 10-1-2020 # 17**)

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Trent Mason

Date

Secretary

American Pecan Council

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Alexander J. Ott

Date

Executive Director

American Pecan Council



## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FOR OCTOBER 1, 2020

### MOTION 10-1-2020 #1

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### MOTION 10-1-2020 #2

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### MOTION 10-1-2020 #3

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### MORTION 10-1-2020 #5

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### MOTION 10-1-2020 #6

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MOTION 10-1-2020 # 17

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