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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Continuing in Lee Asbury's Vision by Terry Lewis

Lee Asbury was a great leader and visionary. Lee is surely smiling down from heaven, as many things that were so close to his heart are currently moving forward and looking more like the continued success stories he was so widely known for. I am very honored and humbled to have been chosen to assume the leadership role of CORA.

CORA is the most successful conservation organization in the state and assuming the role as president is a daunting task. However, CORA's future direction could not be clearer. Over the years as CORA's President, Lee provided the vision, direction and the tenets that will guide the future leadership of this great organization. CORA has many important issues for which to involve itself today and into the future. I pledge to abide by those tenets and guidelines and to continue in the same manner consistent with that guidance.

Today, CORA is carrying on the tradition of working for the betterment of the public in the ways of outdoor recreation and conservation. Working hard for Lee's vision of public access to more tracts of land to be used as

"multiple use recreational" areas.

I'm quite sure Lee would be smiling about Governor Bredesen's Northern Cumberland Plateau Land Conservation Initiative. The North Cumberland's conservation plan represents approximately 123,854 acres valued at an estimated \$148 million. The three tracts include the Emory River, Brimstone and Sundquist tracts. The properties are located in Scott, Campbell, Anderson and Morgan Counties and stretch from Frozen Head State Natural Area to the Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area. The State's investment includes an \$82 million bond initiative. The budget the Governor will propose to the legislature later this month will include \$11 million in recurring funds for the debt service in the bond issue for this purchase.

The state's conservation partners in the project include The Nature Conservancy, which will invest approximately \$11 million, and The Lyme Timber Company, forestland investor

that seeks properties with high conservation value and often works in partnership with non-profit conservation organizations and government agencies, which will invest approximately \$54 million.

Highlights of the plan include:

Public access rights on all 124,000 acres.

All rights on approximately 7,000 acres at Emory River, including Love and Bird Mountains (adjacent to Frozen Head State Natural Area.

All rights on approximately 5,000 acres of the Sundquist tract that is also adjacent to Frozen Head State Natural Area.

Timber rights with a 10-year timber leaseback agreement with The Lyme Timber Company on 70,000 acres of the Sundquist Wildlife Management Area.

Conservation easements governing sustainable forestry practices and public access on approximately 25,000 acres at Brimstone and 11,500 acres at Emory River.

Conservation easements present an opportunity to protect only the properties themselves
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WHEELIN' SPORTSMAN HUNT

By: Mitzi Ivey

As turkey hunters we always look forward to the spring and turkey season's opening. There is just something special about turkey season, after being in all winter long getting back out and in the woods just brings life back in us.

For some of us now our real excitement every spring is being a part of the Wheelin' Sportsman turkey hunt. This year, like every year before, seemed even more special.

April 21st twelve disabled hunters and some fifty volunteers gathered at Terry land Jane Lewis' farm for the 3rd annual Wheelin' Sportsman event. The two land owners, Terry Lewis and Ron Cunningham along with several volunteers had worked for days making sure everything was ready for the hunters come game day. Hunting blinds that would accommodate each disabled hunter, some were to handle the needs of the wheelchair and also their guides, were in place, guides were assigned one to each hunter and Polaris

Rangers were gassed and ready to transport even the most challenged disability right up to the blind at the hunting sight. The early morning was quite cool, but with day break, the sun came out warm and it was a picture perfect day. The disabled hunters ranged in age from 8 to 58 and just as wide a range was each of their disabilities. One bird was harvested right before lunch by one of the younger hunters. But, as anyone there would be the first to tell you, it's not about the kill. It is about the fellowship and the appreciation we feel with each other on these special hunts. The appreciation the disabled hunter has of being able to spend time outdoors with very little physical effort, and the appreciation of each volunteer that we are blessed with health to be physically able to help those less fortunate.

As we gathered for lunch we had several special guest with us. One such guest came in from Texas. Army sergeant Dana Bowman was our speaker after lunch. Dana lost both of his legs from below the knee in a flight assignment in 1992. Dana is the national spokesman for the Wheelin' Sportsman. Dana now travels the country doing motivational speaking to both disabled and able people. The Tennessee Vols Defensive Coach, John Chavis, Mothwing Apparel Staff, Tennessee Wildlife Federation were all some of the guest on hand. Laurie Dennis, owner of

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Wheelin' Sportsman Hunt cont'd

Turkey Strut Taxidermy was also a guest and donated a tail fan that was given away in a drawing between the 12 hunters. Several TWRA officers were also there again this year to help. We want to say thank you to each of them for their continued support. Last, but not least, a special thank you to all of our CORA members that helped make this day a success.

Thanks to our two gracious landowners, Terry Lewis and Ron Cunningham, who are able to accommodate 25 hunters each year. Our 4th annual turkey hunt will be in April 2008. We are hoping to have all 25 blinds full at next year's hunt. If you know of anyone with a disability, or any person who would like to be a hunting guide, please contact Terry Lewis or Ray and Mitzi Ivey.



Wheelin' Sportsman Turkey Hunt April 21, 2007—Hunters, Guides & Volunteers

CORA Annual Election of Officers and Directors

CORA will hold its annual election of officers and directors at their regular scheduled Tuesday night August 7th meeting.

Please come and attend this important meeting to cast your vote for the folks who you want to represent this great CORA organization. All officers and director positions are open and each position is for a 1 year term. If you can not attend please sign a proxy letter designating a director to cast your vote in your absence. Proxy letters are available from the Asbury Law office or from any CORA director or officer. We look forward to your Attendance.

RESOLUTION

CAMPBELL OUTDOOR RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Excerpt from full resolution

WHEREAS, Judge Lee Asbury made many contributions to outdoor recreation to current and future generations of Tennesseans which cannot be quantified in terms of their effects; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lee Asbury represented the broad interests of Tennessee sportsmen and all outdoor recreational users, ensuring that lands on which to hunt, fish, and engage in many other forms of outdoor recreation be acquired for the public benefit and remain open for their benefit, to the extent practicable; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lee Asbury was the enabler behind the:
Formation of Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association;
Leasing of 50,000 acres, known as the Koppers property for 5 years, raising more than \$250,000, and holding that property for State of Tennessee purchase;
Koppers property becoming The Royal Blue Wildlife Management Area;
Champion and Tackett Creek properties named as Public Hunting Areas;
Sundquist Wildlife Management Area land acquisition;
Elk reintroduction after a 150 year absence from the State of Tennessee, and many other contributions too numerous to list; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lee Asbury was guided by the core principles of multiple-use of the outdoors and acting in the long term best interest of the public; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lee Asbury, the founder of CORA more than twenty years ago, provided vision, direction, and guidance that have withstood the test of time in terms of validity and relevancy; and

WHEREAS, the tenets set forth below by Judge Lee Asbury serve as CORA standards and guidelines for our future endeavors

Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association (CORA) is a group of hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts dedicated to keeping lands open and available to the public for multiple-use outdoor activities.

Purpose

To promote outdoor recreational activity and to preserve the right of the public to use and enjoy the great outdoors.

To acquire by purchase, lease, or any other legal means outdoor recreation rights for the public.

To promote and foster proper legislation for the conservation, protection, propagation, and management of outdoor resources and to encourage reasonable public use of such areas.

To affiliate with other like-minded organizations to promote achieving common goals.

By: _____
President, Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association

Dated this 7th day of November, 2006.

TWRA Receives OHV Grant Money

By Terry Lewis

A ceremonial check presentation was held in October, 2006 at the Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association's annual barbeque at the Cove Lake State Park. Representative William Baird was on hand to lead the ceremonial presentation of a \$671,298.00 check to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Royal Blue Area Manager Stan Stooksbury was present to receive the ceremonial check. This money was a grant award that came from the Recreational Trails Program through the Federal Highway Administration and was administered by Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. This grant award was the largest in the history of the program.

Off Highway Vehicles (OHV's) in the Tennessee have limited opportunities to pursue the sport of off-roading. There is a high demand for OHV recreational opportunities that are environmentally sound. With over 500,000 OHV users in Tennessee, recreational off-roading areas are currently extremely inadequate. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has instituted an OHV pilot project on Royal Blue and Sundquist Wildlife Management Areas. These WMA's consist of 125,000 acres in Campbell, Anderson, Scott and Morgan counties. OHV use has been permitted on these management areas since TWRA became the landowner. Due to the large volume of use and lack of maintenance an OHV crew has been hired. Their primary function is to repair and maintain the existing system of trails on Royal Blue and Sundquist WMA's.

Funding for this project comes primarily as grants from the Recreational Trails Program (federal funds acquired from an excise tax on fuel sales). Also, any revenues collected from the sale of Royal Blue WMA riding permits goes into the OHV program. Repairs have been made to approximately forty miles

of trails and primitive roads in the Short and Cumberland Mountain areas of Royal Blue WMA east of interstate I-75. Signs have been placed at trail heads marking trails with names and degree of difficulty to help riders navigate the project area. With these funds TWRA will be able to minimize OHV's affect on streams, fish and wildlife. The economic benefits to Campbell County are substantial because people travel from all over the south and southeast to ride these trails. The Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association is proud to have played a hand in this one of a kind pilot OHV project on the Royal Blue and Sundquist Wildlife Management Areas.

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Pictured above left to right are: William Baird, Campbell Co. Representative, CORA Officers Terry Lewis and Harry Burden, TWRA Royal Blue Manager Stan Stooksbury

**CAMPBELL OUTDOOR RECREATION ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE PROPOSAL FOR 2007 ELK HUNT IN TENNESSEE**

PREFACE

Resolutions do not contain a preface, however, we feel that persons considering this resolution must be fully aware of the background before they can really understand what motivates us to request the action we seek.

The Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, the County Commissions of Campbell, Claiborne and Scott Counties and many other organizations and individuals have invested money, political capital, individual effort and group support into the effort to establish a Tennessee elk herd.

We perceive a real danger to the long term success of the re-establishment effort caused by contingencies not foreseen when the effort started. Among these contingencies:

Inability to import the number of animals which we originally believed to be necessary for a foundation herd and genetic diversity.

Uncertainty as to when we can have additional imports into our existing herd.

A realization that a viable elk herd in Tennessee may well depend on how successful we are at preserving and nurturing the animals we now have.

The ever present stark reality that whatever course we choose, the need for substantial amounts of money will be ever present.

A feeling that the elk themselves can make a contribution to long term survival of the herd.

In view of the foregoing we suggest consideration of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is known that elk in Tennessee are producing a good number of healthy calves, bringing the Tennessee free-ranging herd to an estimated 200 animals, and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of this program, the partners (CORA, TWF, TWRA, and RMEF) made promises to the public to (1) keep elk within the elk zone, (2) provide an opportunity for the public to view these magnificent creatures, and (3) establish an elk hunt in Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, five eastern states in the U.S., with elk herds ranging from 40 animals to 5,000 animals currently hold elk hunts, and

WHEREAS, significant funding for the elk restoration program can be raised from the sale and or drawing of elk hunting tags, and

WHEREAS, the harvesting of a small number of bull elk will not harm the growth or population of free-ranging elk in Tennessee, and will generate renewed excitement and enthusiasm with respect to this program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association Board of Directors, meeting this 7th day of February, 2006, in Jacksboro, Tennessee, request that the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency establish an elk hunt in Tennessee for the 2007 big game season;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this hunt be limited in size so as to not significantly impact Tennessee's elk herd, and that the TWRA investigate the possibility of utilizing the hunt to target rouge animals that consistently present management challenges to the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds generated by a Tennessee elk hunt be captive funds to be used exclusively for upgrading the existing herd by additional stockings and/or improving habitat to insure the long term nutritional needs of Tennessee elk and natural reproduction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the TWRA seek input and support from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commissions, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the Tennessee Wildlife Federation, the Royal Blue Chapter of the Elk Foundation and from the County Mayors in the restoration zone.

Unanimously approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Campbell Outdoor Recreation Association at its regular meeting on February 7, 2006 at Jacksboro, Tennessee.

CORA

Lee Asbury, President
Terry Lewis, Secretary

FIRST TURKEY

By Ray Ivey

For someone who has hunted wild game since adolescence, killing several species of wildlife there will never be a more thrilling hunt than killing my first wild turkey. In just the last couple of years, I have started to hunt turkeys without any luck, hardly ever seeing a bird. You know the story, when you are squirrel or deer hunting you see turkeys but can't seem to find one when turkey season opens. So you can imagine my excitement when Mitzi and I were invited to hunt on Terry and Jane Lewis' farm this April. Knowing Terry has prepared his farm for wildlife habitat, I knew this would be my greatest chance of getting a bird. I got up early and drove one of Terry's Rangers near to the field I was to hunt in that morning and walked into the blind and got situated and almost immediately turkeys were gobbling all around me. I sat there until around 10:30 a.m. and still not caught sight of a bird, but still listening to them make quite a bit a racket. About the time I thought maybe my luck would be better that afternoon, I would get back with Terry, Mitzi and Nick and go have lunch. Then to my left in the far end of the field came a flock of 4 birds. One bird was solid white followed by one about half white alone with the other two when they made their way into some small pines with a pile of dirt and started dusting themselves. I was really just enjoying watching the show for about 30 minutes. Then the show got bigger and better when in full strut comes two tom turkeys to perform for my decoys. I was so amazed watching these 2 big toms come closer to my decoys and in range I suddenly feared they might realize they had been fooled by the blow up doll and be gone. I knew I had only seconds to pick a bird and pull the trigger but they were so close together I could not shoot with-

out killing both. I whistled and one stopped, the other took a couple more steps and both come out of strut , given me a second to choose the larger with the longest beard and feed him a load of #5 shot from my 12 gauge Browning. He dropped and in the same second the other 5 flew, but there on the ground was my prize tom. He had 1.1" spurs and a 10 11/16" beard. Mitzi heard a lot of birds but the only one she saw was the one I shot. We are hooked on turkey hunting now and can't wait until next season. Maybe Mitzi can experience the thrill of killing her first bird next year.

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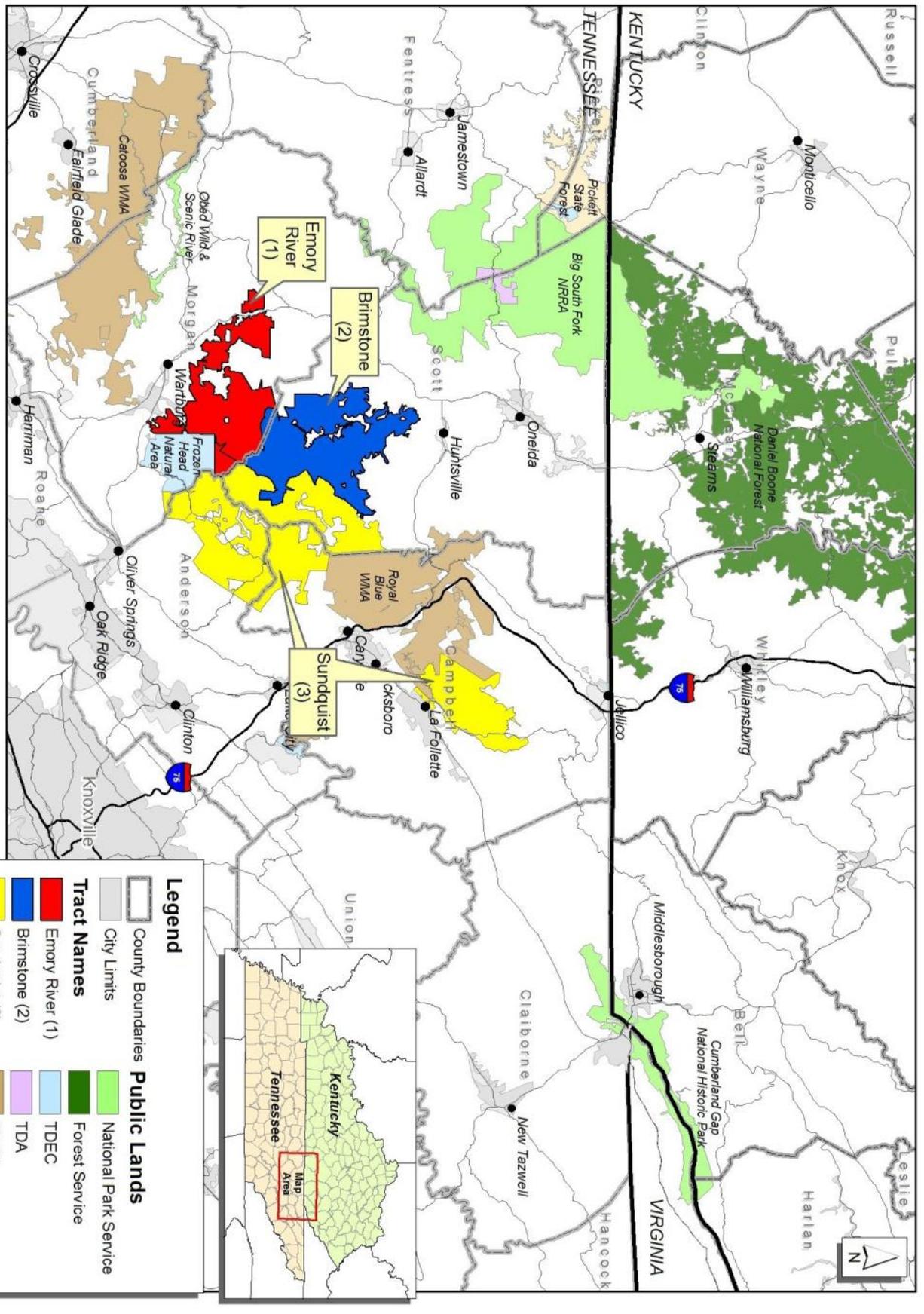
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Ray Ivey with his Trophy Gobbler



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CORA MEETING MINUTES

CORA Minutes March 7, 2006

The board meeting commenced at 7:10 pm at the Campbell County Court House, in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation by Chairman Harry Burden

The Board's Roll Call was taken by Secretary Terry Lewis

The Feb. Minutes were read by Secretary Lewis, those minutes were approved as read.

Financial Reports for the general and newsletter accounts were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson. Those reports were approved as read.

Committee Reports:

Publicity Chairman Mike McAfee—No Report

Activities Chairman Bill Bruce—No Report

Newsletter Chairman Terry Lewis—No Report.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising Chairman Glen Massengill—No Report.

Roads and Trails Chairman Ted Fields—No Report.

Membership Chairman Robert Burden - No Report.

Old Business—A program on Quail Restoration and Habitat was given to the board by Quail Unlimited Chairman Steve McGee. The program was informative and lasted for 1 hour and 30 minutes. Many questions were asked by several members of the board.

A short discussion was held by Mike McAfee concerning the Wild side segment on the Hatfield Wildlife Viewing Area and the CORA 20th anniversary video to be aired on PBS television. A lap top was set up and the anniversary video was shown to all members and visitors.

New Business - Being no further business meeting dismissed at 9:15 pm

CORA Minutes of April 4, 2006

The board meeting commenced at 7:00 pm at the Campbell County Court House, in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation by Chairman Harry Burden

The Board's Roll Call was taken by Secretary Terry Lewis

The March Minutes were read by Secretary Lewis, those minutes were approved as read.

Financial Reports for the general and newsletter accounts were read by Treasurer Ray Wilson. Those reports were approved as read. Wilson indicated that a transfer of funds from the main account into the newsletter account needed to be completed in order to pay an existing newsletter invoices. A vote was passed to transfer the needed funding to the newsletter account.

Committee Reports:

Publicity Chairman Mike McAfee—No Report

Activities Chairman Bill Bruce—No Report

Newsletter Chairman Terry Lewis—A discussion was had as to whether to continue to produce the newsletter or to stop the publication. The discussion centered a round the fact that the newsletter has not been a profitable venture. The advertising sales have not been sufficient to pay the cost of production. Mike McAfee indicated that he did not believe that the web site would take the place of the newsletter and should only be an addition to it.

President Asbury suggested that the newsletter only be published 2 to 4 times per year and done in house rather than sent to a printer for production. In addition Lee indicated that the newsletter only be mailed to the existing membership and not be designed for the general public. No decision was made on the future of the newsletter that has been a CORA production for the last 13 years.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising Glen Massengill—No Report.

Roads and Trails Chairman Ted Fields—No Report.

Membership Chairman Robert Burden—No Report.

Old Business—None

New Business—Women in the outdoors are having a turkey hunt on April 6th on Hickory Creek. Mitzi Ivey got the lucky draw for the hunt. Tennessee Wildsides will be here to film the hunt.

On April 21st several organizations will hold the first handicap elk viewing tour of Hatfield Knob. The event will begin at 3pm and last till the last visitors have had an opportunity to see the elk. Transportation of the handicap individuals will be accomplished by volunteers loading disabled viewers on trailers and pulling them behind tractors up to the viewing area. Terry Lewis asked for CORA volunteers to help. Several members indicated that they would attend to help out with the event.

On April 22nd the NWTf Wheelin' Sportsman will hold their 2nd Handicap turkey hunt at Hickory Creek and Cunningham farms. Several members of the media should be in attendance for the event. Terry Lewis asked for CORA volunteers to help out. Several members indicated they would attend to help out with the event.

Terry Lewis indicated that he would match any amount that the other board member would wish to donate to the CORA general fund. No one offered to donate any funds to the organization.

Bill Bruce said a meeting was to be held on the Coal Creek quail project Terry Lewis was recognized by the CORA membership for the 2005 Wildlife Conservationist of the Year Award given by the Tennessee Wildlife Federation.

Being no further business meeting dismissed at 8:30 pm.

CORA Meeting Minutes cont'd

CORA Minutes October 3, 2006

The board meeting commenced at 7:00 pm at the Campbell County Court House, in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation by Chairman Harry Burden
The Board's Roll Call was taken by Secretary Terry Lewis

The September Minutes were read by Secretary Lewis, those minutes were approved as read.

Financial Reports for the general and newsletter accounts were not read for September by Treasurer Ray Wilson.

No Committee Reports were given: President Lee Asbury's eulogy was delivered to the Directors and members by Secretary Terry Lewis recognizing President Asbury's many accomplishments and his vision for CORA'S direction. A letter was read by Mike McAfee sent from TWRA Director Gary Myers concerning the loss of CORA'S President Lee Asbury. Director Myers also assured CORA'S members that TWRA valued its relationship with CORA and pledged to continue the close working relationship with CORA.

Tennessee Wildlife Federation's Director Mike Butler spoke to the CORA Directors and members about CORA'S past successes and its future relevance. Butler also described the need for CORA to continue its conservation work for the good of the public in East Tennessee. Chairman Harry Burden who also serves as CORA'S Vice President has assumed the roll of CORA'S president, made it clear to the Directors that he did not wish to serve as CORA'S President but would serve as the President until a new President can be elected, however he would continue to serve as CORA'S Vice President if the board wished him to do so. After much discussion by the members Mike McAfee explained the election process as described in the By-Laws of the CORA corporate documents for replacing elected officers. President Bur-

den then asked the directors how they wanted to handle the issue. Elect someone tonight or assemble a nominating committee to nominate candidates for the position? The Directors then asked President Burden to appoint a nomination committee to search out the best qualified person to serve as the next President of CORA. The board agreed to the motion of a nominating committee. President Burden then appointed Treasurer Ray Wilson, Ray Ivey and Jim Ayers. The committee was instructed to determine the best candidate to be nominated for President at the November meeting. The election shall be held at the November meeting.

New Business—A discussion was held on the idea of CORA drafting a resolution concerning President Asbury and his vision for the future of CORA. Mike McAfee and Terry Lewis were to prepare a draft of the resolution for the boards review at the November meeting. A discussion was held concerning the CORA annual Barbecue. It was determined that the annual event should be held in the month of Oct. Mike McAfee was to check on the availability of the shelter #5 to determine the exact date for the event. The board authorized Bill Bruce to purchase whatever supplies were needed to host this year's event.

Being no further business meeting dismissed at 8:30 pm

CORA Minutes Nov. 7, 2006

The board meeting commenced at 7:10 pm at the Campbell County Court House, in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation by Chairman Harry Burden
The Board's Roll Call was taken by Secretary Terry Lewis

The October Minutes were read by Secretary Lewis, those minutes were approved as read.

Financial Reports for the general and newsletter accounts were not read for October by Treasurer Ray Wilson. President Harry Burden informed the board that he was officially resigning as CORA President and that he was turning the election process over to the Chairman of the Nomination Committee Treasurer Ray Wilson.

Ray Wilson explained that the committee has spoken to the majority of board members and discussed the board members that could best serve as the next President of CORA. It was determined that CORA Secretary Terry Lewis was the choice of the nominating committee. Wilson then nominated Lewis for the open position of President. Wilson then asked the board if there were any other nominations to be considered. Leonard Hooks nominated Glen Massengill for the position of President. Wilson then asked if there were anymore nominations. No more nominations were offered so the nominations were closed at that point. Wilson then asked for a show of hands for the two candidates of Lewis and Massengill. It was determined by majority vote that Terry Lewis would be the next President of CORA.

With the election of Terry Lewis as President, a new Vice President and Secretary were necessary to fill the newly open positions. Harry Burden was nominated and elected to serve as CORA new Vice President. President Lewis then nominated Mike McAfee for the secretary position. McAfee was elected to serve as Secretary of CORA. Elections were concluded at this point in the meeting.

Due to the new duties Secretary McAfee then resigned as Publicity Chairman and President Lewis resigned as the Newsletter Chairman. Board member Jim Ayers volunteered for the Newsletter Chairman position. The publicity chairman's position was not filled.

CORA Meeting Minutes cont'd

Treasurer Ray Wilson asked the new officers to sign the banks checking account information. Wilson then asked if the board would approve Tanya from the Asbury Law office as a signer on the checking account as that is where the books are kept. Wilson also asked if the board would make Tanya an honorary member for her past and future efforts to help keep the records. The board agreed to the motion by Wilson and passed their approval. **Meeting Adjourned.**

CORA Minutes of Dec. 5, 2006

The board meeting commenced at 7:13 pm, at the Campbell Co. Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman—Harry Burden

The board's roll call was taken by Jim Ayers, in the excused absence of Mike McAfee.

The November minutes were read by Jim Ayers and were amended to include that Ray Wilson, Terry Lewis and Mike McAfee were to have their names added, along with Tonya Hopper of the Asbury Law office to the CORA general checking account. Once the amendment was passed and added to November minutes the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the financial reports for December. The financial reports were approved by the board.

President Terry Lewis acknowledged the vacancy of the Publicity Chairman—formerly seated by Mike McAfee. President Lewis nominated Mitzi Ivey. After a brief discussion was held, Mitzi Ivey agreed to assume the roles and responsibility of Publicity Chairman.

Chairman Harry Burden then asked the board for committee reports.

Publicity—Mitzi Ivey was assured by members of the board that she would have their full support and cooperation.

She was also thanked for her willingness to serve in that chairmanship capacity.

Activities—Bill Bruce thanked everyone that helped with the sale of tickets for the gun drawing. Although the final amount of funds raised from the sale of tickets was not known at the meeting, Bill felt that the gun drawing was a total success. President Terry Lewis offered his sincere gratitude for Bill's efforts and all that were involved in this fund raising activity.

Newsletter—Jim Ayers reported that he believes that he has secured a new computer that will run Windows XP and that board member Bob Williams has graciously offered a desktop unit that he is willing to let CORA use in order to continue the production of the newsletter. President Lewis stated that he would work with Jim to get the 1st issue ready to print.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising – No Report.

Roads and Trails—Ted Fields reported that several roads and trails have been gated off on the area and that several users of the property were upset and aggravated due to the lack of access. Ted made the motion that CORA do something about the gate closings and spoke of a specific gate at Straight Fork. TWRA official Danny Akins stated that they would review specific gate closing, but the gate in question was placed there due to a significant slide that was closed as a measure of safety for the general public. It was also discovered that the cleanup of the site would be extremely costly and that TWRA presently did not have the funds to address the issue. Ted made the motion that CORA approach TWRA to make sure that ALL gates are opened during the hunting seasons. Ted's motion was amended by Ray Wilson to ask President Lewis to contact TWRA about roads that are being closed and to remind TWRA of their commitment to CORA that they would insure public access. The motion passed.

Membership—No Report

Old Business—It was discussed during the November meeting that CORA purchase a plaque for the Asbury family that may include the resolution passed by CORA in honor of Judge Lee Asbury. President Lewis asked the group of how much money should be appropriated to purchase the plaque as discussed. It was decided by the group that Mitzi Ivey would obtain quotes to have this accomplished and report back to CORA at our January meeting.

President Lewis also explained to the group that due to scheduling conflict within the Asbury family, they would attend the January meeting instead of December.

New Business—President Lewis announced to CORA that Tennessee Wesleyan College was honoring Lee Asbury and they have asked for a letter to be drafted by Chairman Harry Burden about the successes of Lee Asbury as a conservationist and a sportsman's friend.

President Lewis also announced that CORA has been solicited to take a stance on the issue of Lighthouse Marine at Norris Dam. It was determined/confirmed that CORA had already taken the position that we are opposed to private development on state/government property that denies the public access and benefits private investors. It was also determined that Lighthouse marine would fall within those parameters.

The drawing was held for the Savage 111 7 mm magnum. It was determined that Jason Bradshaw of Oliver Springs purchased the lucky ticket. Mitzi Ivey was to call him to congratulate him on the prize.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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CORA Minutes of January 2, 2007

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 pm, at the Campbell Co Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman—Harry Burden.

The board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee. Jim Ayers and Mitzi Ivey were absent excused.

The December minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the financial reports for January. The financial reports were approved by the board as read.

Chairman Harry Burden acknowledged Wes Asbury, Elizabeth Asbury, State Representative William Baird and County Commissioner Anne Smith who were present to discuss the topic of the Lee Asbury Foundation.

The customary agenda was amended at that point to accommodate the important topic of the Lee Asbury Foundation under the heading of old business. The foundation concept was reintroduced; the Board and general membership was updated on the status; and input was requested from the Board, general membership and visitors. A lengthy and very positive discussion ensued as to what the foundation may do, how it might be organized, governed, etc. President Terry Lewis reported discussions with TWRA Assistant Director Ron Fox and TWF Director Mike Butler on the topic. Both groups are supportive of a foundation and pledged to work with CORA to make the foundation a success. TWRA suggested a public-private partnership type arrangement that might feature cost sharing of us to 50-75% on land acquisitions, as an example of possibilities. TWF offered to assist CORA with the administrative burden of operating a

foundation by allowing the foundation to reside as a subset off their organization. William Baird commented TWF also has professional staff that understand land are experienced with fundraising. The Asbury family had questions about how Lee may have viewed a foundation that would bear his name. After discussion it was agreed by all that if using Lee's name contributed to accomplishing CORA tenants and goals Lee originally set out he would have supported it. Further, using his name establishes a permanent reminder and serves as a template for current and future generations as to what accomplishments are possible on behalf of the public through unfailing commitment and hard work over time. The foundation is a complicated topic that will require additional discussion and meetings. Step one will likely be to first determine what the foundation will do (i.e...TWRA internships, scholarships, land acquisition or temporary leasing, habitat) and then build the best legal and operational foundation around the output products of the foundation.

Publicity—A letter of thanks for those assisting with Pig Roast was written by Mitzi Ivey and approved.

Activities—Bill Bruce reported Dick Conley from TWRA came up to visit Cove Creek WMA for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the area as a prerequisite for preparing a five-year quail management plan. Rough maps of existing fields were mailed to Conley. He hopes to have the plan completed and start implementing it by April, 2007.

Newsletter—No Report.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising—No Report

Roads and Trails—Ted Fields deferred to Terry Lewis to discuss under old business.

Membership—No Report.

Old Business—Terry Lewis reported elk will likely be on the ground in January, but details are sketchy because of the recent holidays. Lots of issues are yet to be resolved on transportation and haulers. Expect 150-200 elk total, with 23 of those coming from LBL. The public release will likely be at Hatfield Knob and those elk will be LBL elk. The Elk Island elk will be released immediately upon arrival at various locations to try to reduce stress on the animals. TWRA requested CORA's assistance with parking at the public release. Names, SS number, DOB and addresses of volunteers are to be submitted to Danny Akin.

Terry Lewis requested a meeting between TWRA and CORA officers to further discuss roads and trails questions and tissues. That meeting will not occur until after the elk are released. It was speculated TDEC may be the root cause behind some of the road closures.

Terry Lewis talked with Anne Smith and Gene Wright regarding a request for a letter from CORA to go to Tennessee Wesleyan College concerning accomplishments by Lee Asbury in the area of conservation. Lewis and McAfee will draft a letter for Burden and Lewis signature.

Nick Robinson reported on the status of the Asbury plaque. It will be metal and feature a picture of Lee, a silhouette of the local mountains and a portion of the CORA resolution honoring Lee. A sketch will be presented at the next meeting. Anne Smith will request permission from the full County Commission to permanently display the plaque in the courthouse.

Ray Wilson reported the Savage 111 7mm magnum brought in a profit of \$983.55. The winner has not been able to pick up the prize because of paperwork issues yet to be resolved. He was

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given until the next meeting to resolve the issues. The question of what to do if some future winner was determined disqualified was raised, but no action was taken.

New Business—None—Meeting Adjourned.

CORA Minutes of February 6, 2007

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 pm, at the Campbell Co. Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman—Harry Burden.

The board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee, Jim Ayers and Hubert Rollins were absent.

The January minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the newsletter financial report for January. The general report was unavailable. The newsletter report was approved by the Board as read.

Publicity—Mitzi Ivey reported, starting next month, CORA meetings will be announced in the LaFollette Press.

Activities—Bill Bruce reported we have not had any update since last meeting from Dick Conley on the Cove Creek five-year quail management plan. We need to get started on Cove Creek field preparation while local farm equipment is still available before spring time. McAfee to call Conley, obtain status and report at the next meeting.

Newsletter—No Report.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising—No Report.

Roads and Trails—No Report.

Membership—No Report.

Old Business—Elk. Terry Lewis reported LBL elk will be on the

ground in Campbell County March 3rd. 31 elk total are coming from LBL. 22 of the elk, many of which are bulls, are going to Hatfield Knob while the remaining elk will be dispersed to various other locations. Having a large number of bulls at Hatfield will be appreciated by the elk viewing public. The Hatfield release will be public and some 700 people are expected. Appropriate measures are being taken to ensure handicapped individuals will be able to participate. To accommodate the expected crowd, TWRA is temporarily expanding parking at Hatfield significantly. CORA has been asked to assist with: (1) traffic control and parking; (2) transportation; (3) information dissemination. A tent will be set up and manned by RMEF, CORA, TWRA and TWF. At the tent, free coffee will be available to the public and organizational information and materials will be handed out. A sign up sheet is available for CORA volunteers to work the elk release. CORA will attempt to put together a brochure, also containing a CORA membership application and get it printed prior to the release. CORA members who have orange CORA vests were asked to bring them to the release.

We have a major problem with the Alberta elk. Though the elk are captured and available to TWRA, the path has not been cleared for shipment by USDA. The exact details of the issues are unclear. More information can be obtained at www.tndeer.com.

Asbury Plaque—Nick Robinson reported we are waiting on a mock-up from the vendor. It will be available by the next meeting.

TN Wesleyan Letter—McAfee did not complete. To complete before March meeting.

Gun Raffle—The winner's paperwork for obtaining the firearm was not approved. A motion was made and ap-

proved for Ray Ivey to contact the winner and discuss the option of receiving a Sports Shop gift certificate in the amount of the wholesale price of the firearm. In the future, CORA will make a statement on gun raffle flyers plus make verbal statements to those buying tickets that the winner must be able to fill out firearm check paperwork and be approved or CORA will retain ownership of the firearm. Also, in the future, those selling tickets will sign for the number of tickets they receive.

Asbury Foundation—Terry Lewis spoke to Ron Fox again. He remains supportive. Fox suggested that agency and federal monies are available for local projects. Projects examples include boat ramps (such as Mattie Randolph), roads and trails, scholarships, stream restoration, conservation easements and small tract land acquisition. Glen Massengill suggested land acquisition specifically adjacent to Royal Blue might be a viable option to consider. Everyone agreed on the need to move quickly to put the foundation in place. Terry Lewis will invite Mike Butler to the next meeting to discuss their willingness to handle some of the administrative burden of operating a foundation.

New Business—TWRA License Fees. A member of the audience raised the question of what TWRA license fees fund locally and whether Campbell County gets their fair share?

Boat Ramp Below Cove Lake Little Dam. A discussion ensued concerning a gate allegedly placed by Cove Lake State Park below the little dam and the fact that this is the only access point to that part of Norris Lake. An idea of making this area an official public boat ramp at some point in the future was also floated and discussed. Ray Wilson will take a first investigative step toward resolution by talking to the Cove Lake State Park Manager

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to determine why the gate is there and if it can be removed.

Meeting adjourned.

CORA Minutes of March 06, 2007

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 pm at the Campbell Co Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman—Harry Burden.

Visitors Wes Asbury, Elizabeth Lawson, Anne Smith and Mike Butler were recognized.

The board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee. Jim Ayers and Mitzi Ivey were absent excused. Hubert Rollins was absent.

The February minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the general and newsletter financial reports for February. The reports were approved by the board as read.

Publicity – No Report.

Activities—Dick Conley is working on the Cove Creek five-year quail management plan. Stan Stooksbury and Junior Richardson are talking to determine where bush-hogging will occur on the area. Stan also offered to make seed, fertilizer and chemicals available, if needed.

Newsletter—No Report.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising— The board approved a transfer of funds from the general account to the newsletter account to pay back one of the newsletter advertisers, who did not receive services, a total of \$160.

Roads and Trails—No Report.

Membership—No Report.

Old Business—Elk. No elk will be coming to Tennessee in the foreseeable future due to lack of a workable protocol for the wild elk currently available from Alberta. Much of this issue can be attrib-

uted to a single disgruntled TN elk farmer. TWF, CORA and others appealed to politicians and to the USDA to reconsider the decision, but to no avail.

Asbury Plaque—Nick Robinson provided mock-ups from the vendor (Tom Allen of Allen Sign in Knoxville) and the Asbury family made their selection from that they liked best and what would be most appropriate for the courthouse.

TN Wesleyan Letter—Completed and given to Gene Wright for submittal.

Gun Raffle—\$350 was paid to the Sports Shop and the winner of the gun raffle collected that same amount in goods at the Sports Shop.

Asbury Foundation—Mike Butler attended and discussed TWF's ability and willingness to handle the administrative burden of operating a foundation. He gave CORA very useful information concerning how to establish and operate the foundation. CORA will continue to seek direction from the Asbury family on how to proceed.

Boat Ramp Below Cove Cake Little Dam— Ray Wilson met with Cove Lake State Park Manager and Bobby Stooksbury from the City of Caryville. Decisions on the boat ramp were previously made. TWRA already approved the boat ramp and will patrol the area once completed. The gate will remain closed until the ramp is complete.

New Business—TWF—Mike Butler briefed CORA on current and upcoming events and issues:

TWF annual meeting coming up March 21st in Nashville.

Gave examples of good works by Hunters for the Hungry.

Discussed issue of Norris development, which CORA is on record with a resolution opposing.

Working on a resolution on captive elk and deer farming in TN.

Looking at upcoming legislation concerning closure of public areas, TWRA commission tenure, and extra fees for a elk hunt application. Feedback from CORA on these topics would be appreciated by Butler.

Gun Raffle—The Board approved another gun raffle. This round will be a turkey gun. McAfee to quickly get out a flyer. For those selling tickets, they will be available for sign out at Asbury Law office.

The meeting was adjourned.

CORA Minutes of April 03, 2007

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 pm, at the Campbell Co. Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman—Harry Burden.

The board's roll call was taken by Mike McAfee, Jim Ayers, Ted Fields, Leonard Hooks, Hubert Rollins and Pete Shelton were absent. Mitzi Ivey was absent, excused.

The March minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the general and newsletter financial reports for March. The reports were approved by the Board as read.

Publicity—No Report.

Activities—Comments on the turkey gun raffle and the Cove Creek Quail restoration were deferred to old business later in the meeting.

Newsletter—No Report.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising—No Report.

Roads and Trails—No Report.

Membership—No Report.

Old Business—Elk—A response letter from USDA's animal and Plant Health Inspection Service to Congressman Lincoln Davis outlining their

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rationale for denying importation of elk into the U.S. from Elk Island in Canada was read. The elk in question were released back into Elk Island.

Asbury Plaque—Nick Robinson provided two full-size and color mock-ups from the vendor (Tom Allen of Allen Sign in Knoxville). The cost of the 18"X24" plaque is \$1875. The 24"X36" cost is \$3695. The plaque will be brass with raised letters and a color picture of Lee. Joe Levitt has graciously agreed to pay for the plaque once a selection is made. Allen Sign will mount the plaque in the courthouse. A motion was made and passed to give free one year memberships to Tom Allen and three members of his family. Ray Wilson will follow up with the County Mayor to determine if the County Commission will (1) allow the plaque to be displayed in the Courthouse and (2) if so, appropriate size and location.

Gun Raffle—Jim Violet is the lucky winner of the turkey gun raffle. CORA cleared \$652. Thanks to all those who sold tickets.

Asbury Foundation—The Asbury family is weighing pros and cons and has decided to let the subject rest for awhile.

Cove Creek Quail Restoration—Junior Richardson is waiting on further direction from Stan Stooksbury and Dick Conley on bush hogging, spraying and planting.

New Business—Wheelin' Sportsman—The yearly turkey hunt is on April 21st. Terry Lewis asked for CORA volunteers as serve as guides and to assistance with parking, etc.

TWF Hunters for the Hungry—Terry Lewis asked for feedback on CORA's interest in this program.

Motion was made and passed for Terry Lewis to ask TWFs to make a presentation to CORA on the program.

The meeting was adjourned.

CORA Minutes of May 01, 2007

The Board meeting commenced at 7:00 pm, at the Campbell Co Court House in Jacksboro, TN.

Invocation was led by Chairman—Harry Burden.

The April minutes were read and approved as read.

Treasurer Ray Wilson presented the general and newsletter financial reports for April. No deposits were made or checks written. The report was approved by the Board.

Publicity—The Wheelin' Sportsman hunt was another big success. 12 hunters participated and one bird was bagged. Many positive remarks from CORA members who attended were made about how much they enjoyed the experience and how moved they were by the experience. Special thanks go to Lewis and Cunningham who hosted the event on their property. Special thanks to Ray Wilson who served as a guide. Thanks to Jane for making her house available again. An excellent article appeared in the Press April 26. Think of more potential hunters for next year and pass on names to Mitzi.

Activities—No Report.

Newsletter—Terry Lewis will resume as the newsletter editor. Jim Ayers is unable to continue due to his job requirements. The newsletter will be a cut-down version of what we used to publish and will likely cost \$100 per quarterly publication whereas the former newsletter cost in excess of \$1,000. Glen Massengill will be back in contact with advertisers.

Newsletter Distribution and Advertising—No Report.

Roads and Trails—No Report.

Membership—No Report.

Old Business—Asbury Plaque—Many thanks to Ray Wilson and Anne Smith. The County Mayor has approved the Asbury plaque for display in the Courthouse. A motion was made and passed to go with the 18"X24" plaque. Nick Robinson suggested the plaque should be officially placed in the Courthouse at a CORA meeting with Campbell Co citizens and the media in attendance. The plaque will be placed in its proper location with a drape over it until the public unveiling. Mitzi Ivey will arrange press coverage.

Cove Creek Quail Restoration—No recent word from Stan Stooksbury or Dick Conley on the five year plan status. Most of the bush hogging has been completed. Ray Ivey asked for pictures and receipts for submittal to the Turkey Federation for super fund money.

TWF Hunters for the Hungry—Terry Lewis reported Chad Whittenburg from TWF had to cancel his visit to CORA at the last minute, but would attend next month to discuss Hunters for the Hungry. Lewis provided basic information about the program and a general discussion ensued concerning how the program may be implemented in Campbell County.

New Business—TWRA Property Acquisition—The Emory River and Brimstone acquisitions are moving forward, but not yet completed.

Membership Dues—A general discussion ensued concerning changing the amount. No changes were made.

July Meeting and Election—A motion was made and passed: (1) Not have the July meeting due to the meeting date

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We hope to see you at our CORA next meeting

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but also the economic benefits they generate for local communities as working forests. Landowners continue to pay property taxes on properties with conservation easements and the state will pay in lieu of taxes on lands it holds in fee simple ownership. This plan represents a once-in a lifetime opportunity to protect majestic woodlands on the Northern Cumberland Plateau that include some of the most important forests, mountains, streams and wildlife habitat remaining in North America.

Over the long term, establishing this unbroken core of protected land has the potential to enhance lives in Tennessee through increased tourism, protection of unique forms of wildlife and their habitats and the opportunities for public access and recreation.

The landscape scale of this project will also help preserve the purity of streams and rivers and provide a natural corridor for

wildlife such as birds, bats, elk and deer to move and migrate freely.

The Cumberland Plateau is widely considered one of the most biologically rich regions in the world. The plateau is home to countless unique species, particularly in its waterways and cave systems.

Lee would be proud to see CORA, the organization that he founded and skillfully guided for 20 years working together with the other groups, like the Nature Conservancy, Tennessee Wildlife Federation, TWRA, Governor Bredesen and other like minded organizations to make opportunities like this one, a reality.

As CORA's president, I am proud to take part in this wonderful historical opportunity of working to securing access to more areas for use by the public for recreation. I am very proud to continue the visions and leadership of such a great man as Lee Asbury. **SEE MAP Page 8.**

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falling on July 3; and (2) Postpone the yearly election of officers and Board members until the August meeting.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**CORA will not hold
its July meeting due
to the holidays.
Please join us for
the August 7th,
2007 at 7pm in the
Jacksboro Court
House**