

Town of Pendleton
Conservation Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
Thursday Nov 10, 2022

Call to order: 6:34

Members in attendance: Tobias Fronmuller (TF), Andrew Harrison (AH)

- I. Approve Minutes from October meeting
- II. Board member updates
- III. Old Business
 - Air Prune Box failure – modifications needed for preventing pilfering. Redesign suggestions.
 - Need lid with hardware mesh. If lid is built higher, it will allow for seedling growth without impedance by special limitation. AH will research design modifications for lids. TF will work on acquiring local stock of horse chestnuts, walnuts, and a possible source for green beech nuts to restock the air prune beds.
- IV. Correspondence
 - DEC UCF Grant Opportunity regarding replanting trees in disadvantaged communities post-loss of ash trees
- V. New Business
 - Council discussion: Pollarding vs. Coppicing strategies for sustainable firewood renewal practices when ash trees are finished.
 - Advantages: Reduced time to re-establish hardwood stands due to preexisting established root system in place.
 - Which is better? Primarily affected by browse susceptibility by local herbivores.
 - Pollarding height is determined by herbivore sizing pressure, e.g, if deer, pollard at 6', if rabbits, pollard at 2'. If herbivory pressure isn't a problem, coppicing is reasonable.
- VI. Adjournment at 7:18.