

# SUMMER MEETING

JUNE 15-16, 2018

## **Law Enforcement Committee**

**June 16, 2018**

**8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.**

**Heath Hemphill – Chair**

**Johnny Ferguson – Vice Chair**

## **MINUTES**

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Heath Hemphill at 8:00 a.m.

### Approval of minutes from last committee meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting were unanimously approved by committee members.

### Speakers

Scott Williamson outlined Special Ranger staffing changes including his promotion to Executive Director for Law Enforcement, Supervisor promotions to John Bradshaw in Region 1 and Gary Baros in Region 4. New Special Rangers include Joey Aguilar in District 29, James Bennett in District 27, Bo Fox in District 12 and Jay Foster in District 8.

Scott Williamson reported that market inspection is six percent above 2018 budget and par with 2017 with outlook to sustain inspection numbers.

Scott Williamson reported on progress of electronic market inspection system.

Scott Williamson informed the committee of transitional meetings attended by himself and Larry Gray with DPS, TPWD, USDA-APHIS and Texas Sheriff Association.

Heath Hemphill presented on civil vs criminal investigations and the need for commitment to prosecution when investigations are initiated. Mr. Hemphill discussed the mandate regarding filed and indicted cases all information and agreements go through District Attorney. Mr. Hemphill also warned that using Special Rangers as bill collectors can be official oppression.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Heath Hemphill at 8:25 a.m.