

Activities Report on the CFMB Election in Telemu, Lofa County

August 27, 2018

The community forestry Development at the Authority has completed the election structure of the Salayea community forest. This took place in Telemu town Salayea, District, Lofa County from August 23-25, 2018. This means that steps eight (8) of the nine step is over and can now move to steps nine (9). A total of sixty two (62) persons attended the meeting including civil society, paramount chief, Government officers and FDA personals witness the process.

In special statement, Mrs. Gertrude Wilson extended greeting to the people of Salayea community forest from the managing Director and Technical manager of the community forestry Department and in her name for their corporation.

She than requested the CA and EC to be seated separately for proper identification. The exercises proved that there are eighteen (18) CA members with three (3) from each town.

The community forest is composed of six(6) towns namely ; BEYAN TOWN, GANGLOTA TOWN, GORLU TOWN, TELEMU TOWN, SALAYEA TOWN and YARPUAH TOWN.

The leadership structure list is attached l to this document.

Mrs. Wilson than requested the EC the chair Mr. Lavelah Forkpah to proceed with the election process for the COMMUNITY FOREST MANAGEMENT BODY (CFMB).

The EC chair Mr. Lavelah Forkpah started with the review of the application letters for each individual applicant. It was observed that the six applicants for the CFMB came from each town with register under the Salayea community forest.

Those accepted for nomination included; Ms. Yassah Y. Mulbah, Ms. Garmai Flomo, Anthony D. Flomo, J. Morris T. Yolkmolo, Mr. Methuselah P. Molowolo and Wolobah N. Johnson.

Mr. Forkpah presented the candidates to the Community Assembly members with a request to conduct an election for the chief officer, Secretary, Treasurer and the two members. The CA agreed for the EC chair to carry out the election according to the CRL- regulation.

During the election process the Chief Officer, the Secretary and the Treasurer were all elected on white ballots. Nominations came from Mr. Steve B. Yolkmolo , Mr. Barkolleh Yarkpazuo and madam Korto B. Tokpah for the position listed above.

However, with their own arrangement and understanding for accountability, transparency and participatory, the citizens appeal to FDA to allow them bring on board Mr. Anthony D. Flomo as Financial secretary.

In response, Madam Gertrude Wilson on behalf of the Technical Manager Community Forest Department promised to convey their request to the Authority, while at the same time accepted the elected officials for the Salayea Community Forest, based on the conduct of the election as précised by the CRL Regulations.

She then requested Mr. Harrison T. N. George for CIS/CSO to induct the CFMB Officers elected. During the Oath of office Mr. George reminded the leadership to unite more than before to attracts investors and other partners in the management of the forest for their livelihood.

Constitution and Bylaw Review

The constitution and bylaw review was not complete due to the citizen's request for time. They are also requesting for the tenure for each elected office r in the CFMB at the level of five (5) years each.

In response to their request, Madam Wilson promise to deliver their request to the Technical Manager for redress. She hopes that invitations will be extended to the EC Chair and Secretary, the Chief Officer and Secretary to come down in Monrovia for bylaw and constitution review, at which time their request will be address.

Other Matters

In a special remark, The Chief Officer elect Madam Yassah Y. Mulbah promised to work hard to protect the interest of the community members. She encourages the leadership to work together for the betterment of the community.

The EC Chair also give warning to the pit- sawyers to leave the community forest area. as drastic measures will be taken against violators.

Please see below list of the CFMB leaders elected

NO	NAME	SEX	POSITION
1	Ms. Yassah Y. Mulbah	F	Chief Officer
2	Mr. J. Morris T. Yolkmolo	M	Secretary
3	MRS. Gamai Flomo	F	Treasurer
4	Mr. Anthony D. Flomo	M	Financial Secretary
5	Mr. Methuselah P. Molowolo	M	Member

6	Mr. Wolobah M. Johnson	M	Member
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List of Team Members

NO	NAME	SEX	POSITION	INSTITUTION
1	Gertrude B. Wilson	F	Extension Officer/Team Leader	FDA
2	Z. Bolowen Yekeh	M	Extension Officer	FDA
3	Denial K. Martin	M	Extension Officer	FDA
4	Harrison T. N. George	M	Civil Social Organization	CIS
5	Boimah Johnson	M	Driver	Car Rental Service

Please see attached attendance and other supporting documents