

CALVERT COUNTY FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chair

Jill Lee, Vice Chair

Dawn Balinski, Treasurer

Kenneth Johnston

Amalia Pleake-Tamm

Steve Stadelman

The Calvert County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD. Members in attendance included Dawn Balinski, David Campbell, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Amalia Pleake-Tamm and Brian Stupak. Guests included Skye Quinn-Colley and Pilahr Quinn-Colley. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chairperson.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance \$2,403.00.00
- Expenditures
 - o \$450.00 Arbor Day Poster Contest gift cards
- Future expenses
 - o \$1,000.00 NRCC tuition
 - o \$700-800.00 website development

Old Business

• Forest Board Summit – The Board will be sending two members, Amalia Pleake-Tamm and Steve Stadelman to represent the Board at the summit. Dawn Balinski will be attending as an association rep.

New Business

- NRCC applicants The Board interviewed two applicants for NRCC, Skye and Pilahr Quinn-Colley, both juniors at Huntingtown High School. Both candidates expressed a deep desire to learn more about natural resources and are exceptionally motivated to learn more about the natural resources career fields. Both are high honor rolls students and are involved in multiple clubs and school groups. After a motion to approve the candidates (MOT A. Phillips-Lewis, 2nd A. Pleake-Tamm), the Board voted 4-0 to approve both candidates, pending receipt of their two letters of recommendation.
- Envirothon Autumn reported that the Calvert Envirothon test went very well. Northern High School was 1st place in the forestry category and was also 1st place overall. The 1st place forestry team received tree identification books as prizes.
- Healthy Forest Healthy Waters (HFHW) The Board discussed how to assist in promoting the HFHW program in Calvert Co. It was agreed that targeted advertising and outreach was too time consuming and not very effective. Social media and personal contact with landowners seemed to be the best way to generate interest in the program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be September 11, 2024, at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick. **The meeting will start at 6:00pm.**