

## CARROLL COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD - MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Thursday, 19 December 2024

**PLACE:** O'Lordans's

**TIME:** 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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Attending: Fred Dickinson, Geary Schwemmer, Bryan Shumaker, Chris Spaur, Jamie Weaver

Previous meeting: November 21, 2024

- review minutes and AIs in distributed document “11\_21\_2024\_CCFB\_minutes”.

Notes:

AIs all complete except **Fred** reaching out to the two CCFB gmail contacts about Weed Warriors.

High tunnel rehab funding research transitioned from Dylan to Cara. Fred followed up with his contact and got info for a guy who built his own high tunnel, Jamie noted looking mainly for skin and crank roll up side ventilation guidance. **AI: Fred** to pursue that.

### **Old Business:**

- New member status for Bill and Fred (Jamie/Geary)

Notes: Geary and Jamie still poking Ryan and others, no update.

- Update status of Liberty Tree planting

Notes: Handoff to Brad Rogers for planting resulted in request to grow it out for another year, so has been re-potted and in high tunnel, target completion Fall 2025

### **Administration:**

- Treasurers Report.

Notes: No activity. Geary reimbursed Fred at meeting for \$342, two year Wordpress contract.

- Board member & volunteer recruitment. 2025 planning, Jamie role.

Notes: Jan 2025 agenda

### **Programs:**

- Big Trees: (Geary)

Notes: Measured one tree that didn't qualify

- Wakefield Valley Agroforestry (Jamie, Fred)

Notes: Good meeting and discussion onsite on 11/26 with Abby Gruber from Westminster City and her assistant. Determined a site and got general agreement on approach, combo bare root with shelter and more mature sapling. See emails forwarded to Board for a bit more detail. DNR Francis is lead, Craig funder.

- Arbor Day Poster Contest Status

- info distributed 12/7, who distributes the press release? other next steps?

Notes: Bryan will send the info to his CCPS network at his discretion from experience working with the teachers, typically 3-4 weeks before deadline. Jamie will distribute to a list of private

schools he has. Board members are encouraged to spread the word, home schooling organizations are included.

Geary will coordinate with Arts Council for possible display as he has done before.

- BYB Status
  - Jamie updated and distributed the 2025 BYB order website for review

Notes: The Jotform looks good. Board agreed that Jamie should send the email blast out in January. We have plenty of seedlings this year. Some discussions about partnering with Outdoor School in potting leftovers, etc., Bryan has lots of ideas.

Jan 2025 agenda item on distribution plans, potential ½ day workshop

### **New Business:**

- Participation in Earth Day event at Piney Run Nature Center 4/26/25 (see Earth Day email from Jamie 11/1/24).

Notes: Short discussion resulting in “soft” commitment to table, Fred is a definite, others a maybe. Jan 2025 agenda need to discuss activities, sell seedlings, promote board activities, etc.

- Fund raising and Board purpose and goals for that (Fred)

Notes: Jan 2025 agenda