

## CARROLL COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD - MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Thursday, 20 February 2025

**PLACE:** (Google Meet)

**TIME:** 6:00 PM – 7:45 PM

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Attending: Fred Dickinson, Geary Schwemmer, Bryan Shumaker, Bill Warburton, Jamie Weaver

Previous meeting: January 16, 2025

### **Old Business:**

- review minutes and AIs in distributed document “1\_16\_2025\_CCFB\_minutes”.

Notes: reviewed and formally approved minutes. For AIs, Geary agreed to chase NRCC applicants for now, Bill scheduled the meeting for the logo design effort in order to submit the requirements to CCCC. All other AIs complete.

- Formalize a couple things. Approve minutes for publishing, Board officers & terms.

Notes: Formal vote to approve 1/16/25 minutes as noted above. Jamie said that once approved, he sends them to headquarters and they post them. Formal vote to elect Fred as Board Chairman. Fred stated he will only serve a 2 year term. Jamie mentioned the Board appointment paperwork for Fred and Bill said their appointments were only for one year.

**AI: Jamie** – check into what that means. Briefly discussed concept of Vice Chairman but dropped it.

- Web site updates & schedule, Bill has some proposals, perhaps need a meeting to review with show & tell.

Notes: Bill will set up a meeting, date now TBD ( 2/26 @ 6 was set up but canceled) , to show his ideas on maintaining the website and Google doc linking. Maybe agendas will be available on the web site, unclear if we want minutes there too.

- Review the two approved MUCFC grants. (Fred)

Notes: Fred led a short discussion on these two grants to ensure everyone saw them and understood their purpose and approval process.

- Any NRCC application updates?

Notes: Two applications in, no letters of reference yet. Additional interested student contacted Fred but no application. Geary agreed to follow up with applicants.

- Update on participation in Earth Day event at Piney Run Nature Center 4/26/25 (Fred)

Notes: Fred reviewed email conversation he had with Master Gardeners. Board approved donating up to 5 tree seedlings to the event to help with attendance incentive and raise awareness of us/Forest Service/5 Million Tree. Since the meeting, Fred reached out and Master Gardeners happily accepted the idea and they'll take 5 for door prize type promo.

- Community College logo design update (Bill)

Notes: Bill will attend the design group meeting with CCCC on 2/27 at 1 PM and will forward the Microsoft Teams info from them around to everyone. Fred and Geary will try to attend. Bill also gave some updates on the web site and noted since we now post our regularly scheduled meeting date/time/place we need to be careful about updating it if we

decide to go virtual. Bill suggested putting “third Thursday of the month” but with the board email contact to get details if any member of the public wants to attend.

### **New Business:**

- Update on Board gmail traffic (Fred)

Notes: Brief overview from Fred on contacts to Board gmail from web site, people and topics. The web site is seeing some hits and generating contact. On related topic, Jamie mentioned Charlotte's Quest folks planning on doing a Weed Warrior training this Spring. **AI:Jamie** pass info along to Fred if/when he hears about that Weed Warrior training.

- Proposal for COVID volunteers/heroes memorial (Steve)

Notes: Tabled until Steve present

### **Administration:**

- Treasurers Report.

Notes: Geary distributed it along with bank statement, **AI:Fred** to sign for record keeping, bring to next meeting.

### **Programs:**

- Big Trees: (Geary)

Notes: Summary distributed before meeting as always. Nice. Geary gave a verbal review of the highlights, finding trees that hadn't been measured in awhile, getting permission from current owners, etc. Jamie supplied the Carroll County parcel identifier info to Geary to potentially help with tree location id. Deodar Cedar tree was mentioned, new to some of us.

- Wakefield Valley Agroforestry (Jamie, Fred)

Notes: Essentially quiescent but Jamie planning on calling Francis to check in. **AI:Jamie.** Bryan mentioned Brad Rogers with County had some ideas around Hashawha and Bear Branch, so County Parks & Rec would like to jump on coattails, conversation around timing and Spring '26 funding.

- Arbor Day Poster Contest timeline check (Fred)

Notes: Plan to pick up at schools on 3/3 anything that hasn't been dropped off to Jamie. Bryan will coordinate with schools, Fred will pick up on 3/3. Judging will be Thursday 6/6 at 6PM, Bryan volunteered the Outdoor School wetland classroom. Jamie shared a pin, Fred will distribute reminder.

- BYB Status (Jamie)

- Revisit distribution plan, potential ½ day workshop?

Notes: No pickup workshop, maybe next year, would start planning for that this fall. Jamie proposed new venue at Wakefield Valley park would be nice if all buttoned up by Spring 2026.

Bryan has plenty of students to help bundling, plan is to do very similar to 2024, Board members participate as interested.

Extended discussion between Bryan and Jamie on other possibilities using plant stock, potting things up in Outdoor School nursery; projects with Brad Rogers on County public land. Bryan recapped a big job they did in Mechanicsville using a big augur from Ben's. Bill offered his 12” battery powered augur, if/when that would help in future projects.