

CARROLL COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD - MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Thursday, 20 March 2025

PLACE: Westminster Public Library, Exploration Commons Room B

TIME: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Attending: Fred Dickinson, Dylan Orr, Geary Schwemmer, Sharon Schwemmer, Jamie Weaver

Previous meeting: February 20, 2025

New Business:

- Interviewed our NRCC candidate, Nicole Haines. Our other candidate withdrew before the meeting, citing a family schedule conflict. Good interview with Nicole, we voted by email tally the next day to confirm her candidacy. **Geary** handled all the details, voting, communicating with the candidates, money matters, etc.
- Very brief review of the State Forestry Boards meeting, March 6, 2025. Lots of info distributed before the meeting for the Board's reading pleasure. Changes generally viewed as good and necessary, main impacts to Chairman role, Treasurer/money handling, and website/social media presence. **Fred** to share PPTs he received from Joli with Board. Jamie gave Fred his 1 year Board appointment certificate, also Bill's, **Fred** to get it to Bill.
- Reviewed the two MUCFC approvals. **Dylan** volunteered to take the check to Piney Run for their approved project, and fill out the County donation form so this grant goes in the correct bucket for their tree/shrub planting project. **Geary** will get the check to the Equestrian Center for their project.

Programs:

- BYB Status. Bryan integral to discussion, **Jamie** to discuss/confirm seedling sorting/bundling date with Bryan, Thursday April 3 proposed. Bryan indicated he has plenty of student labor for bundling. Bundle pickup by the public will be Saturday April 5, two locations, Bear Branch and Piney Run, nine to noon kind of thing. **Jamie** to confirm with Piney Run because of admission, send all the email notices to BYB participants, copy Board.
- Arbor Day Poster Contest. **Jamie** will coordinate getting the posters picked up and down to Annapolis for the statewide judging. Discussed proposal to let students/parents know via teachers that posters are at Arts Council and on the CCFB web site. **Fred** to email Bryan, coordinate with **Bill** to get an info sheet to teachers.

Old Business:

- Approve February minutes for publishing. **Approved** the previously distributed document “2_20_2025_CCFB_minutes”.
- Reviewed the status of the Carroll County Community College logo design. **Bill** has been managing this with the College and Fred and Geary in the reviews mainly. It has worked really well and we'll get 4 final designs, one from each of the 4 designers, a color and gray-scale version of each on April 3. We owe our final answer and comments on the process by Monday, April 14. **Fred** to set up final review/decision meeting.
- Treasurer's Report, who signs what, when, stored where. This was discussed at some length, I believe the conclusion was the Chairman, **Fred**, will sign the hard copy Jamie gets each month and Jamie will keep it on file until whatever financial accounting changes happen that is in the State re-org plans.
- As usual, Geary delivered current Treasurer and Big Tree update prior to meeting.