



CALVERT COUNTY FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chair

Jill Lee, Vice Chair

Dawn Balinski, Treasurer

David Campbell

Amalia Pleake-Tamm

The Calvert County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD. Members in attendance included Dawn Balinski, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Amalia Pleake-Tamm, David Campbell and Brian Stupak. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chairperson.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

- Current balance - \$3,772.00
 - No expenditures
- CETY Grant – The Board discussed applying for a grant from the Calvert Environmental Trust for Youth (CETY) to fund the purchase of T-shirts and gifts for the 2026 Envirothon. The Board agreed to submit a grant proposal for the purchase of 60-70 tshirts and 5-6 Audubon Society tree identification books. Autumn and Amalia will work on the application, which is due by January 31, 2026.

Old Business

- Website update – No progress on updating the website.
Winter Event – The Board discussed confirmed that they will not have a viewing event for the MD Big Tree 250th anniversary. No viewing events will be scheduled for this year, however the Board will consider planning a movie event for next February.

New Business

- Forestry Boards transition – The Board was informed that the transition from county boards to regional boards will take place on 3/31/2026. Each county board will become a chapter of their respective regional board. Chapter agreements will be signed by each board by 3/31/26. Each chapter will also be required to produce a fiscal year Annual Work Plan (AWP). A draft Calvert AWP will be composed and discussed at the February meeting. Draft AWPs are due by the first regional board meeting in April. The Board also discussed the CA timber harvest review process.
- Fall event – The Board also decided to schedule the postponed invasive species tour for late September/early October of 2026. The tour will take place at the ACLT Double Oak property. Lunch will be provided.
- Envirothon T-shirts – Amalia obtained a quote from Chesapeake Embroidery for \$13.50 per shirt plus \$75 for embroidery. Brian will check on the updated prices from National Ink & Stitch. Brian will also get the rough number of students from CHESPAX.
- CARE representation – The Board discussed its membership on the Critical Area Reforestation Effort (CARE) committee. CARE coordinates all reforestation efforts in the Critical Area using mitigation funds. Autumn has served as the Board representative for several years; however, she has recently accepted a position as the Executive Director of the American Chestnut Land Trust (ACLT), which also has a seat on the committee. To avoid a conflict, volunteers from the Board were solicited and Dave Cambpell volunteered to serve as the Board representative.

- Membership – Brian announced to the Board that Kenneth Johnston has resigned from the Board to spend more time with his family. Ken joined the Board in 2017.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next regular meeting will be February 11, 2026, at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD. **The meeting will start at 6:00pm.**