

DORCHESTER COUNTY
FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

DORCHESTER COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 23, 2024

The meeting was held at the DNR Forestry Office in Church Creek, MD and was brought to order at 6:06 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Alex Fignar, Beth Hill, George Radcliffe, and Rick Abend. (Absent: Tommy Spicer, Mike Asplen, Terry Nuwer, and Brian Harding)

Minutes of the previous meeting held on June 14, 2023 were read and accepted. Motion for approval made by Alex, 2nd by George. Approved.

A. Critical Area (CA) Timber Harvest Plans:

- 1. Collin Tokosch -- 35 Ac. on West side of Bar Neck Rd. (4 Ac. in CA). Working with Ducks Unlimited to open area for waterfowl flyway. No restrictions. This is an extension of existing approved plan. Motion for approval by George, 2nd by Alex. Approved.**
- 2. Elizabeth Hill -- 100 Ac. on White Marsh Rd. in Madison. (11 Ac. in CA). Plan is to do a select cut/thinning. No restrictions. Beth recused herself. Motion for approval by Rick, 2nd by George. Approved. Mike Asplen will sign approval. Beth and Rick are now the signatories on our Board checking account**

at Bayvanguard Bank.

B. Budget:

- 1. Beth reported a balance of \$2719.52. Only expenses were for \$400 for Clear Channel advertising for Arbor Day. Beth paid the bill. Alex made a motion to re-imburse Beth, 2nd by Rick. Approved.**

C. Other:

- 1. The Loggers Appreciation Dinner on Sep 21st was a resounding success. About 160 attendees.**
- 2. The spring 2024 Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration at Spocott Windmill was smaller than expected. The windmill was not running. Leftover seedlings were distributed at Emily's Produce and Woolford Country Store. George has found someone to work on the windmill and hopes to have it running for the next event on April 19, 2025.**
- 3. Alex reported that Eastern Region forester positions are now fully staffed.**
- 4. Board membership -- Scott Daniels is a good prospect. (His retirement celebration at RAR went very well.)**
- 5. Long-time Board member Roger Adams passed away.**
- 6. Rick reported that the State Forestry Board Association fall meeting was coming up November 8th in Washington Grove, MD.**
- 7. Rick reported that he has stepped down after 10 years as President of the Friends of Blackwater NWR, but will remain**

on the Board for two more years.

- 8. Beth reported on a volunteer opportunity at the Junior Achievement Center – Bay Friendly Farm Storefront.**
- 9. The Church Creek Fire Tower dedication to Kirk Rodgers went very well.**
- 10. The next meeting will be scheduled for February 5, 2025. Beth will bring dinner.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



**Rick Abend
Recording Secretary**



**Alex Fignar
Executive Secretary**

Approved by the Board:

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