

DORCHESTER COUNTY

FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD



DORCHESTER COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2025

The meeting was held at the DNR Forestry Office in Church Creek, MD and was brought to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Minutes of the previous meeting held on October 23, 2024 were read and accepted. Motion for approval made by Beth, 2nd by Alex. Approved.

A. Critical Area (CA) Timber Harvest Plans:

- 1. Baltimore Rod & Gun Club -- 17.5 Ac. East side of Smithville Rd., 1.5 mi. south of Rt. 16. to be clearcut by Phil McDonald. (5.5 Ac. in Critical Area.) Motion for approval by Rick, 2nd by George. Approved.**
- 2. Michael Kriewald -- 53.2 Ac. group select harvest of pine on North side of Susquehanna Rd. by Phil McDonald. (2.98 Ac. in CA.) Motion for approval by Beth, 2nd by George. Approved.**

B. Budget:

1. **Alex reported a balance of \$2719.52. Expenses included \$400 for Clear Channel advertising for Arbor Day and \$60.63 for Beth for dinner. (Need to order more checks.)**

C. Other:

1. **Backyard Buffer species for this year will include Cherrybark Oak, Bald Cypress, White Pine, Sawtooth Oak and River Birch.**
2. **The 2025 Arbor Day/Earth Day celebration at Spocott Windmill will be on Saturday April 19. The windmill will not be operational. Be there at 9 am.**
3. **DNR will be holding a meeting to discuss the future of Forestry Boards.**
4. **Beth reported that the Forestry Day in Annapolis will be held on March 12. Please attend if you can!**
5. **Rick reported that he would be attending the Tree Farm National Leadership Conference in Portland, ME March 11-13.**
6. **Rick reported that the Eagle Festival at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge was canceled due to the bird flu issue.**
7. **Beth reported that Arthur Egolf is in competition for National Logger of the Year.**
8. **The next meeting will be scheduled for May 14, 2025 at 6 pm.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Rick Abend
Recording Secretary


Alex Fignar
Executive Secretary

Approved by the Board: 14 MAY 2025

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