



Chair – Jim Arnold
Secretary – Dakota Durcho

Frederick County Forestry Board Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025

Members Present: M. Kay, T. Anderson, K. Schoonover, C. Farmer, B Phillips, D. Durcho

NRCC: Dylan, an NRCC candidate, was interviewed before the regularly scheduled meeting. Members that attended the interview voted unanimously to send him to camp.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance for March was \$8,138.87. There were two deposits for MUCFC tree plantings totaling \$3,191.00. A total of \$0.20 interest was accrued over the past month. There were five withdrawals. Three were for MUCFC funding payouts totaling \$3,191.00, another was for our Google domain for \$12.00, and the last was for the 300 seedlings ordered for giveaways at the Thurmont Green Fest for \$382.50. The new balance is \$7,744.57.

Logging Site Exams: One logging site plan was received over the past month, from consulting forester Dan Hughes. Bruce, Jim, and Dakota reviewed the site on April 3rd and approved the request.

Outreach:

1. Community

1. The board has continued to plan the tree planting seminar. Getting the word out has been the major focus over the past month. Mike has had an article run in the FNP and the event has been added to their calendar. Other members have been reaching out to various organizations and partners to drum up attendees. Flyers were also handed out at the Thurmont Green Fest. Mike will try to work up another short article for the FNP and Dakota will post this to the board's Facebook. Currently, there are 21 people planning to attend, but the hope is to have at least 40 - 50 people in attendance. If this number is not reached the meeting may be cancelled. This will be voted upon by May 1st and a final decision will be made the week before if necessary.

2. Mike is planning to host a tree walk at Gambrill State Park on April 25th at 1pm. The walk will be held along the Red Trail.

3. Tom, Bruce, Mike, Jim, and Chuck attended the Thurmont Green Fest on April 12th. Turn out was pretty good despite the weather. They were able to hand out most of the shrubs, but there were plenty of pin oak left over. The local Master Gardeners took whatever trees that were left over. Next year we will place an order for shrubs and small trees in October, when there is a larger selection.

2. Urban Forestry

1. Two big trees are scheduled to be measured on May 2nd. One is a red oak, and the other is a white oak. Bruce will reach out with further details once he is back from vacation. Mike nominated a



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shortleaf pine at Stonghold. Once the nomination form has been received, we will schedule a time to measure the tree.

3. Media

1. Nature Notes: We will prepare nature notes as time allows.
2. Website: Jim will continue to keep the website up to date.
3. Social Media: We continue to grow our FB & IG presence.

New Business

Clarence was finally approved as the newest member of the Frederick Board!

We discussed having our regular scheduled board meetings at an earlier time. 3pm - 4pm meetings were discussed, and a motion was made to have a final vote and a decision made by the May meeting.

On a side note, Keith mentioned that he has started seeing wood ducks on his property and that they were using the boxes he had constructed.

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