



Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board

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Minutes of the Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board Meeting July 11, 2022

Call To Order:

The Garrett County Forestry Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Monday July 11, 2022 at Mt. Nebo. Those Board members in attendance either in person or remotely were: Mike Minnick, Ken Fisher, Bill Aiken, Mike Ferguson, John Bambacus, Will Williams, Larry Tichnell, Fred Eggleston and Melissa Nash. Also in attendance was Siera Wigfield.

The agenda was approved with motion by Ken and 2nd by Fred.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved following a motion by Fred and 2nd by Larry.

The treasurer's report was given as follows.

Forestry Board	\$6,525.13
MUCFC	\$0
NRCC	\$1,485.26
Workshop/Ed	\$543.11
Scholarship	\$1,763.05

We received a \$100 deposit from NRCC student Jorja Wilhelm. Expenses in the past month included the Smokey Bear cutout for the fair display, fee for the fair booth and NRCC student tuition. The report was accepted following a motion by Ken and 2nd by Fred.

Volunteer Hours:

The Board's hours since the last meeting were as follows:

Ken – 5	Mike K – no report	Mike F. - 3
Mike M. – 27	Fred – 6	Derek – No report
Larry – 3	Will – 3	John – 10
Bill B. – no report	Bill A. – 3	

TOTAL 60 hrs

OLD BUSINESS:

Watershed Update

Siera reported that a recent presentation for the Deep Creek Lake Watershed Foundation included examples of shoreline treatments applied at Silver Tree Marina.

Ashley Bodkins has posted the YouTube video of the presentation here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UaNNaxVbwYc>

NRCC

Jorja Wilhelm was accepted as a Garrett County student. Mike M. shared a copy of the agenda and advised that any board members who visit throughout the NRCC week should check in with the office upon arrival. We need to try to have at least 6 board members attend our Friday meeting and stay to participate as landowners. Schedule for NRCC can be found here

<https://www.marylandforestryfoundation.org/downloads/NRCCCurriculum.2022.pdf>

Fair Booth

Mike M. & Melissa went over schedule updates. List of dates will be at the end of the minutes. For our display, we will limit our material to 3 of the trees and a couple tables. Siera shared a 1 sheet handout that she and Melissa worked on to direct booth visitors who to contact for various natural resource information.

A discussion was held on the raffle basket. Several items have been obtained and others are still being worked on. Melissa and Siera will meet to assemble the basket on July 22nd at lunch time, so please have all items to Melissa's office before then. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3/\$5. Melissa will get tickets ordered.

Some members are in need of shirts & hats. Another order will be made after the fair as there likely wouldn't be enough time to get them before.

Yough River

John shared several articles & letters to the editor that have appeared in local newspapers. Most levels of government seem to be putting the brakes on a trail project in the wild river section for now to evaluate whether a trail improvement would even be legally permitted. There has been limited response so far from DNR and Garrett Trails. Further discussion included that there are many trails where the money could be used if it were reallocated. Larry advised that there are questions about how the commissioners can use the \$700,000 that were specifically allocated to them as well. He said there should be a statement released from Garrett Trails soon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mountain Loggers

Next meeting is July 12th at 6pm at Pine Lodge.

Big Tree

Be thinking of ways to promote the program in the fall.

Garrett County 150th Celebration

Bill B advised prior to the meeting that he has access to seeds from the Liberty Tree if we want to sell them or use them as a promotional giveaway. Mike M suggested

handing them out at the sesquicentennial celebration with a short history of the Liberty Tree. Melissa advised that she has talked to Sam Barnhart about scheduling his restored historic brush truck as part of the display. Other ideas included focusing on forest history and possibly an appearance from Smokey Bear.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be July 29th at 9am at Hickory Environmental Education Center. Please plan to come and serve as a landowner for the NRCC students. Following lunch (approx. 1:30) we will meet at the fairgrounds to set up the booth.

Melissa Nash
Secretary

Upcoming Dates

July 12 – Mountain Loggers

July 24-30 – NRCC

July 29 – meeting at NRCC, board members serve as landowners, fair booth set up after lunch

July 31 – photo contest judging (1pm, meet at the Ag Hall office)

August 2 – French fry booth (10:30am-5pm)

August 4 – man Forestry Board booth 2-8pm

August 5 – man Forestry Board booth 2-8pm

August 6 – man Forestry Board booth 12-9pm

August 7 – tear down booth (11am)

No regular August Forestry Board meeting

September 12 – Forestry Board meeting