



Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board

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Minutes of the Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board Meeting May 13 2024

Call To Order:

The Garrett County Forestry Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Monday May 13, 2024 at Mt. Nebo. Those Board members in attendance either in person or virtually were: Mike Minnick, Mike Kozier, Bill Aiken, Bill Buckel, Will Williams, John Bambacus, Ken Fisher, Fred Eggleston, Larry Tichnell, Siera Wigfield and Melissa Nash.

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

Two special presentations were held. Suzanne Harle of the Oakland Civic Club presented a \$415 donation to support NRCC students. Melissa and Mike M presented Mike K with a Forest Service Director's Commendation and certificate from the Garrett Board recognizing him for 35 years of service.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved following a motion by Ken and 2nd by Mike K.

Bill B. read the treasurer's report. There were several transactions for MUCFC grants. Melissa was reimbursed for the Civic Club luncheon and we sponsored a hole for the Mt. Loggers golf tournament. Balances are as follows:

Forestry Board	\$3,420.61
MUCFC	\$171.29
NRCC	\$3,702.26
Scholarship	\$2,494.07

Any MUCFC funds after grant expenses are completed will be returned to the Foundation.

The report was accepted following a motion made by Fred and 2nd by Larry.

Volunteer Hours:

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

Ken – 6	Mike K – 6	Mike F. – no report
Mike M. – 12	Fred – 6	Derek – no report
Larry – 3	Will – 13	John – 8
Bill B. – 7	Bill A. – 3	Siera – 8

TOTAL 72 hrs

OLD BUSINESS:

Watershed

Molly Ramsey will start June 3rd as the new watershed coordinator. Her background is in watershed research. The position will be on a 3 year contract.

The SAV project in Arrowhead Cove is wrapping up.

NRCC

We have received deposits from our 3 accepted students. Certificates will be presented at camp. Will is on the NRCC planning committee now and will serve as Assistant Director.

The Urban camp is being promoted.

Ken brought in a cutting board and maple syrup for a gift basket. Mike M. will get buckwheat flour. Siera will check on cider. Bill A. suggested a couple jars of jam.

Envirothon

The team from Southern won overall and had the first ever score of over 100 on the forestry test due to exceptional performance and correct bonus answers. They will advance to the state competition in June.

Native Plant Festival

We sold 11 calendars and gave out approximately 70 seedlings. There was a good crowd. Thanks to Will, Fred & Anita for their help.

Yough River

Ken made a motion, 2nd by John to enter into a committee of the whole. The motion passed Ken made a motion to come out of committee of the whole. Fred 2nd and the motion passed. No action was taken on discussion.

Forestry Board Summitt

Bill & Tina Buckel will attend and represent Garrett County. Please get any questions or concerns to Bill by the June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

June Meeting

Will be June 3rd at the Oakland Town Pavilion. We will plant 3 trees and cage/mulch others at the Rotary Park following the meeting.

Mt Loggers Golf Tournament

Will be held June 15th.

Paul Shogren Memorial Tree

We will plan to plant Paul's tree during the meeting at NRCC. Melissa will order a sign.

Fair

We received the paperwork for our booth and will send that in along with the fee.

State Forest Work Plans

Plans are open for public comment.

Big Tree

Derek submitted a new red pine for measurement.

Scholarship

The Board reviewed 5 applications and scored them based on the established rubric. The two high scores were within 1 point of each other. Bill B made a motion, 2nd by John to award 2 scholarships of \$500 each. The motion passed. This year's recipients are Zobia Dillsworth and Isabel Knapp. They will be invited to the June meeting.

Melissa Nash
Secretary

Upcoming Dates

June 3 – next regular meeting
June 10-12 Forestry Board Summit
June 11 – Mtn Loggers

Note: The June meeting of the GCFB will be held June 3rd (1st Monday)

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