



Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board

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Minutes of the Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board Meeting July 26, 2024

Call To Order:

The Garrett County Forestry Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday July 26, 2024 at the Hickory Environmental Education Center. Those Board members in attendance were: Mike Kozier, Mike Ferguson, Bill Buckel, Will Williams, John Bambacus, Fred Eggleston, Ken Fisher and Melissa Nash. Guests present included Anne Hairston-Strang, JT Bowers, George Eberling, and Gabrielle Oldham.

The agenda was approved following a motion by Bill B. and 2nd by John.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved following a motion by Ken & 2nd by John.

Bill B. read the treasurer's report.

Forestry Board	\$4,082.46
MUCFC	\$0
NRCC	\$2,467.26
Scholarship	\$1,494.08

The report was accepted following a motion by Mike K. and 2nd by Fred.

Volunteer Hours:

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

Ken – 5	Mike K – 6	Mike F. – 5
Mike M. – no report	Fred – 5	Derek – no report
Larry – no report	Will – 98	John – 6
Bill B. – 13	Bill A. – no report	Siera – no report

TOTAL 138 hrs

OLD BUSINESS:

Name Tags

Melissa distributed name tags to those present.

Watershed

Ken shared that the Foundation will be having a fundraiser, but no details were

available at the time of the meeting. Brookfield will be looking at the study the Foundation has been doing on the lake levels.

Fair

The schedule for staffing the fair booth was updated. Set up will be following lunch.

NRCC

Gabrielle gave an update on NRCC. There were 34 students this year, with 1 of our Garrett students having to go home sick. The students have been engaged in camp activities with few issues. Staff and counselors have been excellent this year. There were 8 colleges in attendance for college night, including Davis-Elkins college, who was a new addition this year and will be starting a forest technology program.

Anti-Logging Letter

The original letter and MFA response has been forwarded to Board members. Anne Hairston-Strang said the Forest Service will be submitting a response outlining concerns and their commitment to good forest management as an essential part of climate change response and sustainability. Ken made a motion to wait until the Forest Service response before the Board takes any action. The motion was seconded by Bill B. and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mt Loggers

Next meeting is August 13th.

Autumn Glory

No information was available yet for the pavilion set up. It may have to be discussed via email depending on timing and deadlines.

A motion was made by Mike K. and Bill B. to adjourn.

Upcoming Dates

No regular meeting in August

8/13 – Mt Loggers

9/9 – Next Forestry Board meeting