

SOMERSET COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD

Meeting Minutes September 15, 2025

Opening: The September Somerset County Forestry Board meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2025, at 12:00 pm at the Somerset County NRCS/FSA Office Anderson Building, 30730 Park Drive, Princess Anne, MD 21853

The regular meeting of the Somerset County Forestry Board was called to order at 12:00 pm on September 15, 2025, in Princess Anne by Chairman Steve Eccleston.

Present: Steve Eccleston, Hall Coons, Charles Laird, Robert Hess and Rachel Egolf

New Business Introductions

As this was the first Forestry Board meeting with Rachel Egolf as the Secretary, the members introduced themselves. Rachel, having worked with all of the Board members on past projects in the private sector, welcomed the Board members to contact her with any forestry questions or concerns.

Natural Resources Careers Camp

The Board has not sent a student in recent years. Discussion included reaching out to the county high school science teachers, particularly the Tawes Vocational Center Horticultural division teacher.

Arbor Day Poster Contest

Members asked about the poster contest and made suggestions to reach out to the various schools to increase submissions.

Treasurer's Report

There is no Somerset bank account. No report from Treasurer.

Nominee to the Somerset Agricultural Reconciliation Board

One member is to be appointed by the Forestry Board. Robert Hess nominated Hall Coons and it was seconded by Charles Laird. The motion was approved. Rachel will send Hall's name to the Director of Technical and Community Services for consideration.

Critical Area Timber Harvest Plan – Borth Pomfrett Plantation

The board reviewed a Critical Area Timber Harvest Plan that was submitted by Steve Eccleston for Eastern Shore Forest Products. After questions and review, Hall Coons made a motion to accept the plan. Charles seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved (4-0) the plan. The plan was approved by Hall Coons in lieu of Steve Eccleston.

Next Meeting: TBD – as new business arises.

The meeting concluded at **12:25pm.**

Minutes submitted by: Rachel Egolf