

SOMERSET COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD

Meeting Minutes December 1, 2025

Opening: The December Somerset County Forestry Board meeting is scheduled for December 1, 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 December 1, 2025, in Princess Anne by Chairman Steve Eccleston.

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

New Business

Hiker Biker trail- discussion about Roadside Tree and forest loss due to removal of 40+ year old trees including loblolly pines, white oaks, red oaks, red maples, eastern red cedars and replanting of same species; hazard trees left as a result of removal of surrounding forest in ROW; landowner liability issues were brought up in discussion.

Critical Area Timber Harvest Plan – Robert and Anne Hess

The board reviewed a Critical Area Timber Harvest Plan that was submitted by Arthur Egolf. After questions and review, Charles Laird made a motion to accept the plan. Hall Coons seconded the motion, and the board unanimously approved (4-0) the plan. The plan was approved by Chairman Steve Eccleston.

Next Meeting: TBD – as new business arises.

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

Minutes submitted by: Rachel Egolf