

WASHINGTON COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
January 10, 2024

Present: Greg Bartles, Mary Jo Bartles, Don Grove, Linda Grove, Judy Niedzielski, Kate Bucco, and Aaron Cook.

Display Pictures – Mary Jo had organized the compiled Board photos, and created a folder with a condensed assortment of excellent images that will help update the display. The Board went through everything to pick images to print for the display. Aaron discovered that some images may still be in old emails or on his phone, and there was a request to see if we could find an NRCC photo with one or more of our campers in it. Aaron will ask Gabrielle, and also begin to try and format the images into panels of topics, with hope to have some proofs for the board next meeting.

Other Business – NRCC is open for applications, there will be a webinar about NRCC coming up on 1/18/2024 (The free webinar will be on January 18 at 1:00. The registration link is: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Nc1J79e1S_-sBfCJ79n2cA)

Don and Linda attended the statewide meeting last fall, and brought back some notes to share. They were interested in the monitoring of Forest Carbon in MD, and talked about the modeling inputs perhaps being a little better than past efforts. They also enjoyed hearing about the assisted migration efforts of oak at the Baltimore Field Station. Lastly, they shared that the 5MT program accomplishments have been migrated to a computerized format/ dashboard.

Celeste and Anna continue to work on some website updates with emphasis on volunteers and updated methods of contacting the Board. Celeste was unable to attend, but sent some questions for the Board to discuss. The Board agreed that it does want to develop a list of volunteers, and that while there is a gmail account for the Board, Aaron's email also works as he can share emails that do not come to a volunteer page link with Anna and the Board via a google sheet. Don suggested that in the current website, under the "what can you do" tab, that the drop down could have the link to "volunteer" as well as "donate". There was discussion about promoting the website and updating brochures, etc. Aaron can create a QR code and print it on mailing labels that can easily be applied to printed materials, make business cards with the board logo, contact information, and a QR code, etc.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.

The next regular business meeting will be at 2:00 PM, February 7, 2024.