

**WASHINGTON COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 4, 2024**

Present: Greg Bartles, Don Grove, Linda Grove, Doug Inkley, Judy Niedzielski, and Aaron Cook.

**NRCC Follow-up** – Aaron shared a thank you card from our student, and reported that he has been working with the student and her family to schedule a presentation about camp to the board. Aaron will keep everyone updated.

**Big Tree** – Doug reports that his personal obligations combined with the exceptionally hot summer kept field work at bay. He, Don, and Linda, along with Judy hashed out some calendar dates this fall to knock out all remaining remeasurements. Doug will reach out to the owners, and will check into the new submissions the board picked up over the summer.

**Collaborative Workshop** – Aaron and Dakota took the ideas from both the Washington & Frederick Forestry Boards to develop a workshop agenda. There were many good ideas, so if this workshop goes well, they could easily be used to host another event in the future. The topics will include an update on spotted lanternfly from MDA, a lessons learned from Korea presentation from USDA, and an introduction to Ailanthus ID, control, and the trap tree method for killing lanternfly. The meeting will on October 11 at Ole Mink Farm Resort (agenda and flyer included in the minutes). The Maryland Walnut Council has tentatively agreed to be a partner on this workshop. Doug offered to emcee, Aaron will keep him posted.

**Other Business** – The board passed MUCFC and MDOT grant funding out to 4 projects.

September 27 from 11-12, Kirk Rodgers Memorial Dedication at Fire Tower Interpretation site at the Church Creek office in Dorchester County. Aaron may be able to give carpool rides to anyone interested in attending.

Discussion about CRP/ CREP for wildflower meadow establishment along Antietam Creek, discussion on EQIP and options with meadows expanding out of tree planting efforts.

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

**The next regular business meeting is at 2:00 PM, October 2, 2024**