

CARROLL COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 3, 2022

PLACE: Westminster Public Library

TIME: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Chris Spaur at 6:65PM
- **Attendance** – Chair Chris Spaur, Vice-Chair Laura O’Callaghan, Treasurer Geary Schwemmer, Secretary Jamie Weaver, Roland Fish, Bryan Shumaker, and Jean-Marc Henriette.

Administration-

Review/Approval of February 2022 meeting minutes: No mistakes noted and passed as presented.

Treasury Report: Treasurer Geary Schwemmer-

- Financial activity for February: Beginning balance was \$4,091.82
- Ending balance is \$4,786.41
- Total deposits = \$694.59
- Total debits = none

Bank Activity ending February 28, 2022:

2/11/22 Stripe Transfer (Backyard Buffer Tree Shelter Sale)	\$173.27	\$4,265.09
2/14/22 Stripe Transfer (Backyard Buffer Tree Shelter Sale)	\$28.83	\$4,293.92
2/16/22 Stripe Transfer (Backyard Buffer Tree Shelter Sale)	\$159.61	\$4,453.53
2/17/22 Stripe Transfer (Backyard Buffer Tree Shelter Sale)	\$72.52	\$4,526.05
2/22/22 Stripe Transfer (Backyard Buffer Tree Shelter Sale)	\$57.96	\$4,584.01
2/24/22 Stripe Transfer (Backyard Buffer Tree Shelter Sale)	\$101.05	\$4,685.06
2/25/22 Stripe Transfer (Backyard Buffer Tree Shelter Sale)	\$28.83	\$4,713.89
2/28/22 Stripe Transfer (Backyard Buffer Tree Shelter Sale)	\$72.52	\$4,786.41

Vision Statement Discussion: Discussion centered around the Carroll County Forestry Board’s vision statement. Upon discussion a minor revision reflected to read as *“To encourage and promote the conservation, enhancement and sustainable management of our trees and forests through advocacy, outreach, public education, technical advice to property owners and organizations involved in tree and forest care, and distributing tree seedlings for re-establishing native trees and forest in riparian environments.”*. The amended vision statement passed.

Roland Retirement: A discussion focused on an appropriate retirement gift for Roland and ideas to recognize his many years of service to the board.

Baltimore Wilderness Coalition: Chris followed up with Ashley Traut of BWC to clarify the meeting requirements as members of BWC. They hold an annual meeting that members are expected to attend. A vote on BWC membership passed.

Programs/Updates:

Workshop: Chris began circulating the Workshop to the greater Mount Airy community via a local organizations/club. Chris had a software issue when he tried to complete the daylight projector use trial run, but those software issues have been resolved.

Big Trees: Geary updated the Board on the Big Trees Tour Guide progress. The project is available for download and will be posted to the website pending any final edits. Geary will also be attending the Scout Expo (3/08; 7:00 pm to 8:30p pm) and wanted to bring along brochures. He requested funds to have 50-100 brochures printed at Staples. The motion passed.

Backyard Buffer: Jamie provided a brief summary of activity to date to include the an order placed for 600 1"x1"x5' wooden stakes. To date, there are 72 participants; no hardwoods remain and only a handful for baldcypress and loblolly pine remain. Chris reiterated his ideas that this program provides direct citizen action to assist with species migration in the face of a changing climate.

Arbor Day Posters: Bryan provided a succinct summary of poster grading. There were 55-60 posters submitted for judging. The Board's vote for the first place County poster earned third place in statewide judging. As such, the winning elementary school (William Winchester Elementary) will receive five trees. Bryan will coordinate planting location, species selection, and other logistics with Facilities & Maintenance. It was suggested the top five posters be displayed at the Carroll County Art Center. Finally, the Board held a vote to determine third place along with honorable mentions. It was decided the first place winner would receive a framed copy of their poster presented on the day of planting along with a hardcover book. Second and third place winners would be given tree seedlings.

7:55 PM: Motion to adjourn was made by Bryan, seconded by Geary, and passed.

Action Items:

Administrative

- Transfer Donna off of the bank account information and add Jamie Weaver to the account
- Board members continue to help develop a list of possible local sponsors
- Reach out to prospective members
- Complete sponsor letter

Roland Retirement

- ~~Laura will touch base with Marie for retirement gift ideas.~~
- ~~Regional funding request to MFS (JKW)~~

Baltimore Wilderness Coalition

- Notify BWC of the Board's vote to join (CS).

4-H Request

- Speak with Torrey Silliman about 'In-Kind' donations

Arbor Day Posters

- Contact Carroll County Art Center for poster display (LO or GS)

Workshop

- Check lighting/projector suitability at Watkins Park/check pavilion availability and set a workshop date (CS)
- Speaker outreach to Ben Kable and Francis Smith (JKW)
- Create a flow sheet for planning expenses and income

Chuck Lewis PR

- Submit to County Commissioner

Next meeting: Thursday, 7 April 2022, 6:00 PM held in person at Westminster Public Library (small meeting room)