



# CALVERT COUNTY FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

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*Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chair*    *Charles Gustin, Vice-Chair*    *Dawn Balinski, Treasurer*    *Kenneth Johnston*  
*Jill Lee*    *Lisa Oswald*    *Taylor Roswall*

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The Calvert County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Wednesday September 8, 2021 via tele-conference. Chuck Gustin, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Dawn Balinski, Jill Lee, Lisa Oswald, Kenneth Johnston and Brian Stupak attended. Guests included Dave Hardy. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chairperson.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Current balance - \$7,492.00
- Revenue
  - \$3,100.00 grant funds received from County govt.
  - \$960.00 received from MUCFC for tree planting grant (Sierra Club)
- Expenses – NRCC activity fee reimbursements (\$500.00) for four students
- 2022 budget was adopted by the Board and matches the 2021 budget.

## **Old Business**

- Sierra Club MUCFC Grant – Grant funds (\$960.00) were received from MUCFC and will be forwarded to Sierra Club this week. The Board was also notified that MUCFC will no longer be funding the use of “tree diapers” (watering devices) for future tree planting grant requests.
- Fall event/planting – The Board was unable to find a community willing to plant trees this fall. The event has been pushed back to spring 2022.
- Membership renewals – Autumn and Taylor’s membership is due for renewal. Brian will send them the renewal forms.
- 4H forestry talk – The Calvert 4H club had requested a forestry speaker to attend an exploration camp on Aug. 16, 2021. Chuck and two former NRCC students attended the event. Initially they were expecting older students. In reality, the students were much younger (4<sup>th</sup> –8<sup>th</sup> graders) and the material was not geared toward their grade level, however most of the kids had a good time learning about forestry. If we are invited next year, more appropriate topics will be presented.

## **New Business**

- New member interview – The Board interviewed a new board applicant, Dave Hardy, from Lusby, MD. Dave is a retired forestry technician, park ranger, IBM customer engineer and registered nurse. He is a member of the Sierra Club and the Calvert Co. Environmental Commission. The Board reviewed and approved his application. It will be forwarded to the Forest Service for processing.
- NRCC student reports – The Board reviewed four written reports from the Calvert NRCC students. Overall the reports were positive and the students had some thoughtful suggestions for improving the camp.
- School Forest signs – Sunderland ES requested a new school forest sign. The Board

approved the request and Brian will place an order for the new sign. Chuck will contact Sheila Stevens, Calvert Green School Coordinator, to see how many other schools are in need of a new sign.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be October 13, 2021 at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick. **The meeting will start at 6:00pm.**