



CALVERT COUNTY FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

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

The Calvert County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Wednesday February 9, 2022 at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD. Dawn Balinski, Autumn Phillips-Lewis and Brian Stupak attended in person; Ken Johnston attended via phone. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chairperson.

Treasurer's Report

- Current balance - \$5,511.00
- Expenses
 - \$250.00 to the MD Big Tree Committee
 - Upcoming expenses – Envirothon T-shirts/gifts

Old Business

- ADPC – 10 schools wish to participate (not all teachers in each school, but enough to justify the contest this year). Battle Creek Nature Center has been reserved. Dawn will order the gift cards. The class prizes may be upgraded this year.
- Ethics filings – Brian reminded the Board that 2021 ethics filings are due by April 30, 2022.

New Business

- Envirothon – The Board decided to purchase t-shirts for the students and teachers only. Resource instructors will receive a separate gift, possibly a mousepad with the Envirothon logo. Instructors will have the option of purchasing shirts as well.
- MUCFC Grant – The Board reviewed a MUCF grant submitted by the Sierra Club of Southern Maryland. The grant application was initially included tree watering devices, which the Board and MUCFC had previously said they would no longer be funding. The Sierra Club revised their application. \$415.50 was requested to plant 30 trees at Dunkirk Community Park. The Board approved the application.
- MDOT Grant – Brian informed the Board that MDOT has also created a tree planting grant program based on the MUCFC grant program. The grant will fund project up to \$5K and will be focused on communities impacted by road construction on state (numbered) roads. The Forestry Boards will be required to review and approve the applications.
- Green Expo – No word on the Green Expo yet (dates, etc.). The Board discussed alternatives to the seedling giveaways since several of our regular species are sold out. The Board also discussed potting the seedlings and giving out potted seedlings instead of bare root seedlings. This idea was tabled until the March meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm. The next regular meeting will be March 9, 2022 at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick. **The meeting will start at 6:00pm.**