

# **Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board**

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# Minutes of the Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board Meeting June 7, 2021

#### **Call To Order:**

The Garrett County Forestry Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Monday June 7, 2021 at Accident Town Park Pavilion and via Google Meet. Those Board members in attendance were: Fred Eggleston, Will Williams, Larry Tichnell, Mike Kozier, Bill Buckel, and Mike Minnick.

The agenda was approved following a few additions and a motion by Larry and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved following a motion by Will and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred.

The treasurer's report was given by Bill B.

Forestry Board \$6,506.45

MUCFC \$0

NRCC \$2,495.26 Workshop/Ed \$543.11 Scholarship \$1,430.00

Since the last meeting, we spent \$143.70 on field guide books for the Southern Envirothon team.

#### **Volunteer Hours:**

The Board's hours since the last meeting were as follows:

Bill A. – no report Derek B. – no report

Mike F. – no report **TOTAL: 32 hrs.** 

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NRCC**

Melissa has sent e-mails to our NRCC students requesting their deposit by June 30. The Allegany County Board will be sponsoring the tuition for our 3<sup>rd</sup> student. We will try

to have the students at our July regular meeting to present certificates. There are a total of 33 students accepted for this year.

## **Big Tree**

Mike K. & Melissa were unable to find the county champion serviceberry, but were able to measure the county champion eastern hemlock. There has been new interest in the program and trees submitted in need of measurement. Possible ideas for future promotion of the program included partnering with Friends Delight State Park for a Big Tree tour once they have their Big Tree Trail revitalized.

## **Statewide Updates**

Chip Broadwater will be the new training coordinator for MFS and part of his duties will be to manage records of LTE license credits.

Anne Gilbert will be moving to a position as central region Urban & Community Forester, but will still handle statewide Forestry Board matters for now.

# **MD Forest Economic Study**

Mike M. gave a summary of the recently finalized document. In western MD, we are looking to add higher value to the resource and/or produce advanced materials to offset the decline in revenue from the mill closure.

## **Watershed Program Committee**

The group will tentatively meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of June.

## Fair & Autumn Glory

Ken reported via email that he will try to make contact with Rotary about the fry booth.

We have not yet received educational/display booth sign up information. Larry said if we don't have it by mid-June to let him know.

We will work on plans for Autumn Glory after the fair.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Mountain Loggers**

Next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>.

# **Liberty Tree Planting**

Melissa & Will attended the planting at Friendsville Elementary with Champ Zumbrun. The tree was planted in one of the former chestnut spaces. Two of the chestnuts there are still doing well.

## Shirts/Hats

There are some shirts left (1 L & 2 XXL) and a few hats if anyone needs them.

# **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9am. We will again plan on a blended meeting, at the Accident Town West Pavilion. You will have the option to attend in person or call-in via the Google meeting.

Melissa Nash Secretary

# **Upcoming Dates**

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting
July 25-31 – NRCC
July 30 – Serve as landowners for NRCC, set up fair booth
July 31-Aug 7 – Garrett County Fair
August 1 – Photo Judging
August 3 – Tentative fry booth
August 5, 6, 7 – Manned Forestry Board booth
September 13<sup>th</sup> – Regular meeting