



Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board

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Minutes of the Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board Meeting January 10, 2022

Call To Order:

The Garrett County Forestry Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Monday January 10, 2022 at Mt. Nebo. Those Board members in attendance either in person or remotely were: Bill Buckel, Derek Buckel, Bill Aiken, Larry Tichnell, Ken Fisher, Will Williams, Mike Kozier Fred Eggleston, Mike Minnick, and Melissa Nash.

The agenda was approved with additions and a motion by Will and 2nd by Ken.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the following addition: drill bit prices were incorrectly quoted at the last meeting. Bill A. will get updated prices. Minutes were accepted following a motion by Fred and 2nd by Ken.

Bill B. gave the treasurer's report.

Forestry Board	\$8,136.45
MUCFC	\$180.00
NRCC	\$1,620.26
Workshop/Ed	\$543.11
Scholarship	\$1,430.00

One deposit of our county funding in the amount of \$2,000 was made. The report was accepted following a motion by Ken and 2nd by Fred.

Volunteer Hours:

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

Ken – 6	Mike K – 3
Mike M – 15	Fred – 5
Larry – 3	Will – 5
Bill B. – 7	Bill A. – 3
Mike F. – no report	Derek B. – 3

TOTAL: 50 hrs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting Dates

Mike went over meeting and other important dates for 2022. The June meeting may need to be shifted depending on the Forest Service fire training. The October meeting will be rescheduled to the first Monday due to the 2nd Monday being a state holiday.

Poster Contest

Melissa will send a reminder to schools and offer to pick up posters if needed. As of the meeting we have not received any entries.

Scholarship

Members should promote to any current college students and graduating seniors. Mike M. said the information was included in a recent newsletter from Northern HS.

County Funding

Mike M. thanked the county for their continued support.

Mushroom Workshop

Some discussion was held on whether we should have a back up plan in the event the covid situation becomes worse/if the Discovery Center closes to the public. It was decided to move forward for now and re-evaluate in February/March. Melissa will work on getting an updated flier to start promoting the workshop and will contact those who signed up last time. We will need to cut about 60 logs in late February 36-42" long and about 3-4" diameter. We will need 6-8 cordless drills the day of the event and some tarps to catch sawdust and/or as rain covers.

LPPRP

No update was available

Waterwise

Mike M, Ken, Will & Melissa attended the meeting last week and went over forestry specific elements that were added to and clarified. Mike M. would still like to do a Tree-Wise program, but we will wait to see how the launch of Waterwise goes. There will likely be more modifications as the program gets started. Siera suggested from the meeting possibly awarding a "golden sugar maple leaf" to participants of both programs in the future. The Forestry Board can serve as a resource to the Master Gardeners for any tree/forestry related questions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mountain Loggers

Meeting is January 11th at Pine Lodge. At their December meeting, Ann Glotfelty was posthumously recognized as a Rural Volunteer of the Year.

Hemlock Webinar

A webinar on hemlock pests is January 11th. Information was previously sent.

Spring Forestry Board Meeting

Save the date for March 3rd for a virtual meeting.

Legislation

Melissa forwarded an email on known upcoming legislative proposals. The biomass bill is of particular concern as it does not include wood.

Projects List

A revised projects list was sent out after the December meeting.

Big Tree

We can tentatively promote Big Tree in our library window display this year. Melissa will schedule with the library.

Forestry Promotion

Bill A. said he would like to see western MD host a forestry tour for legislators to show & promote good forestry practices.

Ethics Update

Ethics filing will be due soon. You should be receiving an email with a link or you can call 410-260-6174 to complete your reporting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be February 14th at 9am at Mt. Nebo.

Melissa Nash
Secretary

Upcoming Dates

February 14 – Regular meeting
February 8 – Mountain Loggers @ Pine Lodge
February 23 – Pest update @ New Germany
March 1 – Scholarship deadline
March 3 – Statewide virtual meeting
April 2 – Mushroom workshop @ Discovery Center