

WORCESTER COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD

Meeting Minutes February 15, 2022

Opening: The February 2022 Worcester County Forestry Board meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2022, at 12:00 pm at the Wicomico Demonstration Forest Education Center – 6095 Sixty Foot Rd, Parsonsburg, MD 21849.

The regular meeting of the Worcester County forestry board was called to order at 12:15 pm on February 10, 2022, in Parsonsburg, MD by Luke Marcek.

Present: Bill Bruning, Tony DiPaolo, Stacey Esham, Luke Marcek

New Business

Introductions

This is the first board meeting where Luke Marcek is the DNR representative. Introductions were made between all members. The general point of this meeting is to introduce everyone to Luke Marcek and get him updated on the basics of Worcester County's Forestry Board as well as review new business.

Treasurer's Report / Budget / Financial Plan

The forestry board has an account with a current budget of \$1,916.63. The account is seldom used as the board's current activity level does not have many expenses. Past county budget requests were discussed but will not be revisited unless the board decides it is necessary. Tony and Stacey will be working on updating the bank account contact information.

County Outreach

The board has not had a great deal of county outreach and public interaction in the last few years. Several potential ideas were discussed, including Envirothon, working with the Lower Shore Land Trust, and school field trips. Due to the busy nature of the members' schedules, the board will not pursue Envirothon or LSLT at this time. However, potential forestry-themed field trips may be possible in the future.

NRCC

The board has not sent a student to NRCC in a few years. However, the board has sponsored the closest student in the past, including a partial tuition sponsorship to a Wicomico County student last year. The board will continue to sponsor a student, with Worcester students being the priority, followed by the next closest student.

Critical Area Timber Harvest Plan Review

The board reviewed and unanimously approved (3-0) one Critical Area Timber Harvest Plan prepared by George Jones.

MUCFC Grant Application review (x2)

The board reviewed and unanimously approved (3-0) two MUCFC grant applications. The applications were submitted by Adam Stachowiak, Park Ranger / Area Manager for the Maryland Park Service. The two applications were “Naslanco Property Native Tree Reforestation and Beautification Project” for \$993 and “Shad Landing Entrance Reforestation and Beautification” for \$992. The approved grant applications were sent back to Adam Stachowiak with FB signature.

Next Meeting: TBD – as new business arises. Meetings will float between the Wicomico Demonstration Forest and Snow Hill, depending on members’ schedules and locations for the day.

Minutes submitted by:

Luke Marcek