

# **CHARLES COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD**

## **Meeting Minutes February 10, 2022**

**Opening:** The February 2022 Charles County Forestry Board meeting is scheduled for Feb 10, 2022 at 5:00 pm at the Maryland Forest Service - Charles County Field Office.

The regular meeting of the Charles Co. forestry board was called to order at 1700 on Feb 10, 2022 in La Plata MD by Brian Klaas.

**Present:** Brian Klaas, Bob Eaton, Barbara Palko, Shurbey Huber and Matt Spiroff.

### **New Business**

#### **Critical Area Timber Harvest Plan**

The board has approved 1 critical area timber harvest plan in the area of Newburg, MD.

#### **Backyard Buffers**

Backyard Buffers tree planting program is coming to Charles County in spring 2022. Signup information distributed to board to share through their networks. Additional information is found on the MD DNR website.

#### **Arbor Day Poster Contest**

The board received 4 submissions for the statewide 5<sup>th</sup> grade Arbor Day poster contest. The Charles county 1<sup>st</sup> place poster went on to place 2<sup>nd</sup> in the statewide contest.

#### **Forestry Education**

The board will provide funding for board members and forest landowners to attend forestry related educational seminars and classes. Course fees will be reimbursed after completion of course. Multiple courses offered by UMD Extension have been sent to board members.

#### **Maryland Urban and Community Forest Committee (MUCFC) Grant**

The board reviewed and approved a grant application for the Southern MD Sierra Club. Funding for this project comes from the MUCFC.

#### **Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC)**

Board members have made plans to distribute NRCC flyers to Charles County schools to advertise Camp Hickory for summer 2022.

#### **Social Media**

Board members are exploring the application of social media platforms to better distribute forestry and forestry board related news to forest landowners in Charles County.

## **Advertisements**

Board members have made plans to create articles to distribute through news networks such as Southern Maryland News to advertise programs such as Backyard Buffers, NRCC, etc.

## **Old Business**

### **Charles County Fair**

The board partnered with Home Depot to have a successful county fair and distributed 350 wood toy kits. Forestry related literature was also distributed.

### **Next Meeting Schedule**

Next meeting will be held at the Charles County DNR Forest Service Field Office at 6:00pm on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Minutes submitted by: Matt Spiroff