



# CALVERT COUNTY FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

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

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The Calvert County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Wednesday March 8, 2023 at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD. Dawn Balinski, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chuck Gustin, Jill Lee, Kenneth Johnston, Dave Hardy and Brian Stupak attended. Guests included Amalia Pleake-Tamm (by phone), Steve Stadelman, Amelia “Jackie” Barrett and her mother, Melissa Barrett. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chairperson.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

- Current balance - \$6,216.00

## **NRCC Candidate Interview**

- The Board interviewed Amelia “Jackie” Barrett, a sophomore at Patuxent High School. Jackie is involved with the PHS swim team, Civil Air Patrol, musical theater and has a great interest in natural resources and environmental issues. She has an interest in pursuing a career in environmental law. Jackie may have a scheduling conflict if her CAP drone team advances to the state competition and will know by early May. The Board approved and forwarded her application to NRCC with the understanding that she may drop out prior to the start of camp.

## **Old Business**

- Website future – The Board will be reviewing the current website content and will determine what content will be transferred to the new site. Comments from each Board member are due by March 22, 2023.
- State Ethics filings – 5 out of 6 members have completed their filings. All filings are due by April 30, 2023.
- Envirothon – T-shirts have been ordered and instructor gifts (most likely bandannas) will be purchased prior to the event.
- 2023 Earth Arts Festival – the festival has been moved up to April 22, 2023. Seedlings have been ordered and Autumn will pot them again this year. Brian will provide the pots. Amalia Pleake-Tamm will try to arrange for the FB booth to be next to the Environmental Commission booth. The Board will purchase some recyclable handouts (cardboard pens, etc.) and the following board members will staff the booth:
  - 8:00am – 10:30am – Brian & Jill (includes setup)
  - 10:30am – 12:30pm – Ken & Dave
  - 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm – Steve & Autumn (includes teardown)

## **New Business**

- Timber Harvest review. The Board reviewed a timber harvest located in a county Forest Retention Area on the Chavis property in Huntingtown, MD. The Board approved the harvest.

- New Board member applicant – The Board reviewed the application of Steve Stadelman to join the Board. Steve is a former DNR forester in Calvert Co. and has worked for the US Army National Guard (Environmental Division), US Army Reserves and is now a NEPA specialist with the US Forest Service. He is a consultant forester and serves on several local boards and committees. The Board approved Steve’s application.
- Board membership renewals – Four membership renewals were approved and forwarded to the MD Forest Service. Chuck is also due for a renewal but may be joining the Caroline Co. FB. Brian will check the transfer procedure.
- Big Tree Measurements – Jill updated the Board on the remeasurement progress. One of the remaining trees in Huntingtown will be measured on 3/10/23 by Jill & Brian.
- County Tree Coupon - Amalia reported that the County will be rolling out a tree coupon program similar to, and with the approval of, DNR’s tree coupon program. The county coupon will be for \$35 dollars on any tree two gallons in size or greater and can be coupled with the DNR coupon.
- Woods in Your Backyard – The Board has approved funding the tuition of Amalia Pleake-Tamm to attend the WYB online course. The cost is \$95.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next regular meeting will be April 12, 2023 at the ACLT main office at 676 Double Oak Road in Prince Frederick, MD. **The meeting will start at 6:00pm.**