



Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board

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Minutes of the Garrett County Forest Conservancy District Board Meeting July 29, 2022

Call To Order:

The Garrett County Forestry Board met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday July 29, 2022 at Hickory Environmental Education Center. Those Board members in attendance either in person or remotely were: Mike Minnick, Mike Kozier, Ken Fisher, Derek Buckel, Bill Buckel, John Bambacus, Will Williams, and Melissa Nash. Also in attendance was, Gabrielle Oldham (NRCC) and Acting State Forester Anne Hairston Strang.

The agenda was approved with motion by John and 2nd by Mike K.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved following a motion by Will and 2nd by Ken.

We spent \$29.95 on raffle ticket printing. Bill B. also reported that all checks from spring have cleared the bank.

Volunteer Hours:

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

Ken – 6	Mike K – 4	Mike F. – no report
Mike M. – 15	Fred – no report	Derek – 3
Larry – no report	Will – 5	John – 8
Bill B. – 6	Bill A. – no report	
TOTAL 47 hrs		

OLD BUSINESS:

Fair

Mike M. went over the final schedule.

NRCC

Gabrielle gave an update on NRCC. There were 40 students attending and they have been asking excellent questions of presenters. Mike M. and Will visited during the week. Melissa taught the forest measurements lesson. Following the meeting, Board members will serve as landowners.

Sesquicentennial Event

The main event is Saturday Sept 17th from 10am-6pm. Set up will be the day prior.

Ideas included focusing on forest history and having some giveaways. Other discussion included purchasing a designated sesquicentennial tree for the county and planting it in a prominent location this fall. This discussion was tabled until the Sept meeting.

Yough River Update

A “town hall” meeting has been scheduled by Delegate Beitzel for August 8th at Garrett College.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mountain Loggers

Next meeting is August 9th at 6pm at Pine Lodge. Dues are due for those who are interested (\$20/yr).

Hat & Shirt Order

Melissa shared prices for hats (\$16 each) and shirts (\$22 each). We were able to find 5 hats leftover from last time so only need to order shirts. Mike K. made a motion, 2nd by Ken to purchase 2 shirts per member. The motion passed.

Support Letter

The Forestry Board sent a letter of support for a grant from the MD Agriculture Education & Rural Development Assistance Fund. The grant would help improve delivery of forestry programs in the state.

Chestnut

We need to check on our parent trees and some of the school trees again.

Ash

Anne said the USFS is looking for lingering large ash that have survived EAB for genetic trials.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be September 12th at 9am at Mt. Nebo.

Melissa Nash
Secretary

Upcoming Dates

September 12 – next regular meeting

September 17 – Sesquicentennial Celebration