

**WASHINGTON COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 4, 2022**

Present: Don Grove, Linda Grove, Judy Niedzielski, Greg Bartles, Mary Jo Bartles, Marguerite Klein, Doug Inkley, and Aaron Cook.

**Leitersburg Ruritan/ Arbor Day Poster Contest Tree Planting follow-up** – Aaron shared photos from the planting in Hancock, along with a video of the students serenading the trees with a ukulele ensemble. The planting was a success and the Library was happy to see the trees planted. Don & Linda were on hand to represent the Board. All involved seemed glad this outstanding planting was finally completed. The Leitersburg Ruritan planting was well attended despite being a very hot Sunday afternoon. 15 trees were planted throughout the park with the help of over 1 dozen volunteers. This was a great opportunity to kick off the 5-million tree initiative in the County, and establish a relationship with the Ruritan, as they have a great venue for events. Thanks to Judy for finding this planting, and to Don & Linda for helping plant that day. Aaron reminded everyone to keep seeking out planting opportunities, he can figure out the rest.

**NRCC** – Aaron interviewed Logan Harwood, and approved him to attend camp. Fortunately, Izaak Walton League is covering his expenses which will help our budget in coming years. Aaron asked Logan to send both the Board and Izaak Walton League a thank you card following camp.

**Big Tree** – Doug mentioned that the Big Tree Committee met several weeks ago, and has decided to codify guidelines to enhance training and credibility of measurements. This will also make things more accurate in the future. We have 10 year re-measurements to do this season, Doug estimated it at 6 trees. He will look at it and let us know how we can help get them re-measured. Doug will also be presenting about the MD Big Tree Program at an upcoming Arborist and Tree Health Seminar in Hagerstown on May 19<sup>th</sup>. Thanks Doug for taking this on and presenting! Aaron will print “wanted” posters for every participant at the workshop, once Doug gets the file to him.

**MD Arborist & Tree Health Seminar** – Aaron has been working with Urban staff to coordinate logistics for this meeting. He has secured caterers and the venue, along with creating an Eventbrite page for the event. Board members are encouraged to attend and help with registration, if possible. Doug will be presenting, and there will be several demonstrations in the afternoon. This is all good “practice” for the planned Spotted Lanternfly workshop planned for this fall. Aaron will send the agenda to the Board, let him know if you have any questions.

**Other Business** – The annual pesticide refresher workshop is May 11<sup>th</sup>, sign up has been down this year, but the Board should still realize some income for future NRCC campers. Aaron reminded everyone that we split those proceeds with the Frederick Board after meal expenses have been covered. Mary Jo asked about shirts for members to wear at events. This is a good idea, and no one could remember a time when we had something like this (centennial polos were provided in 2006). Aaron will look into what a small order of shirts would cost and get back to everyone.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

**The next regular business meeting will be at 2:00 PM June 1, at the Maryland Conservation Agency Museum (Greg’s place).**