

Minutes
Allegany County Forestry Board
January 19, 2023 from 9:00am – 10:00am
MD DNR Forest Service Office
To promote the stewardship, conservation and
sustainable use of forest resources in Allegany County

Call to Order:

Chairman's Signature: _____

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Roberts at 9:05 am on January 19, 2023. Attendees included members: **Ken Roberts, Steve Resh, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek, Brad Metzger, Francis Zumbrun, Darrel Williams and Dan Hedderick**
- Not in attendance: **Marie Miller**
- Special Thank you to Brad for setting up the Google Meets!

Goals and Annual Work Plan for the Board to meet for 2023

- **Started** Develop the 2023 Goals and Annual Work Plan
- **Started** Raise funds to support Allegany County Forestry Board
- Bring in new members
- **Started** Hold 6 local Forestry Board meetings and 4 special events
- **Started** Complete all financial disclosure forms
- **Started** Sign all Volunteer Forms
- Find, interview, approve and financially support 2 students for NRCC
- Promote outreach for NRCC
- Support NRCC at camp with volunteers
- Facilitate the Forestry portion of the Envirothon
- Organize, plan and co-sponsor with Allegany Arts Council the photo contest at the Allegany County Fair
- Facilitate 2 PLT Workshops
- Facilitate Heritage Legacy Tree Program
- Support Big Tree Program
- Support Cumberland Watershed Plan Implementation
- Facilitate both webpage and Facebook links and keep them active and adaptive
- **Started** Plan & present a landowner workshop on Forest Carbon Credits
- Look into new programs with guest speakers to keep members educated on what is new

Note: Goals will be listed for the Forestry Board to track their success and act as a reminder of needed accomplishments for the 2023 Annual Work Plan. The word "completed" will be placed in the front of each goal once it has been accomplished.

Financial Activities:

Bernie provided a report. A check was written providing payment for the Landowner Carbon Workshop promotion, taking us to \$0 in that account. Dan will hand carry the check to Add Inc.

(Motion)

Juls motioned to accept the Treasurers report, seconded by Francis and all were in favor.

Contact List:

Dan is updating Darrel William's phone number. New list will be sent out with the minutes.

Reappointment Application:

Dan said both Marie and Darrel are good and do not need to fill out a new application. Dan told all the rest they are due September 2. He urged them not to wait until that time and to start now, since we need to gather a good number of signatures before September 2. Dan told the group to include at least a short resume with their application, so it is complete. The application can be turned in early; it's not too soon to start.

Financial Disclosure Forms:

Dan reminded the group to complete their financial disclosure forms. Both Juls and Darrel have completed theirs.

Volunteer Forms:

DNR Volunteer forms are due for 2023. Dan has received the forms from both Marie, Darrel and Bernie, thank you! Dan reminded the rest to please get them in.

Annual Work Plan:

There was a discussion about adding in the Landowner Carbon Workshop. Dan encouraged everyone to take a close look at the next set of minutes to ensure we have the goals written correctly.

Webpage & Facebook:

Dan said that the Foundation is looking into what might be a bill or an attempt to have us change providers with our webpage. Ken reminded the group that he remembers us working with the Foundation on this before. We will wait to see what the Foundation uncovers.

As far as Facebook, two members were having trouble accessing our Facebook to enter information. This brought up concern that maybe something has changed and that we need to dig into it with someone with knowledge.

The 5 Million Tree Entitative and Urban Tree Planting Grant Reviews:

Dan provided grant copies including 1 MUCFC grant and 1 MDOT grant to the Board including a total of 92 urban trees. There was one question from Bernie about the MDOT grant concerning the other activities. Dan explained that was part of another grant they were applying for, including a trail. Dan explained he worked with Anna Twigg and reviewed each grant twice with changes. Ken asked the Board for approval, and all were good. Ken asked Dan to sign his name with his initials.

Liberty Tree:

Francis said there will be no seedlings for spring 2023 and he is hopeful for 2024.

NRCC:

Steve provided an overview of NRCC for Darrel's understanding.

Ken will write a letter to the LaVale Lions Club and Francis says they will be providing another \$500 for 2023. We currently have funding for two students and Dan reminded the group that last year we sent 3 students to NRCC so the funding is needed.

A Directors Commendation from 2007:

Dan received a dated Director's Commendation produced by Steve Koehn in April 2007. The commendation was found after a cleanup at the Annapolis office. It says: The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Forest Service hereby presents to Francis Zumbrun this Director's

Commendation for stellar accomplishments, bringing the story of the Maryland Forest Service to the general public and development of special Centennial Programs celebrating our 100th Anniversary.

Big Tree Program:

Ken told the group he received a request from John Bennet to measure a tree. He talked about the recent history. The group decided it was a good idea and both Francis Zumbrun and Steve Resh will go out to do the measurements.

Darrel & Deer Population:

Darrel presented the topic of deer damage in the City of Cumberland. Ken said it's something to think about and maybe we could have some guest speakers from the MD DNR Wildlife Division. Bernie said that Jerry Zembower with the Allegany & Garrett County Sportsman Club is connected with legislation on that topic of deer. This is something we can revisit after our carbon workshop.

Forestry Days in Annapolis:

Darrel Williams will be representing the Allegany County Forestry Board at the Forestry Days event in Annapolis.

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, February 23 at 9:00am. We will work on details of the Landowner Carbon Workshop. Brad has already sent us a Google meets invite.

Attended Events: (note, members need to attend at least 50% of yearly meetings to be in good standing)

- **January 19, 2022:** Allegany County Forestry Board Meeting via Google Meets: **Brad Metzger, Steve Resh, Ken Roberts, Juls Wood, Bernie Zlomek, Francis Zumbrun and Dan Hedderick**