

# CHARLES COUNTY FORESTRY BOARD

## Meeting Minutes November 9, 2022

**Opening:** The November 2022 Charles County Forestry Board meeting was scheduled for November 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Charles County Forest Service field office.

Tom Mayor arrived early due to prior obligations. The regular meeting of the Charles County Forestry Board was called to order at 6:10 pm on November 9, 2022 in La Plata, MD by Robert Eaton.

**Present:** Robert Eaton, Tom Mayer, and Broc Bowers.

### New Business

#### **Forestry Board New Member Application**

Kurt Wolfgang has applied to join the Forestry Board. The Board voted on the approval of the application. Tom Mayor voted to approve prior to the meeting. Robert Eaton also voted to approve during the meeting. An email was later sent to Barbara Palko & Shurbey Huber, they both voted to approve. The application packet will now be forwarded on for approval.

#### **Forestry Board Cabin**

The renovations of the forestry cabin at the Charles County Fair Grounds was discussed briefly. Brian Klaas will be contacted on who was previously mentioned to complete the renovations. It will possibly include new siding, replacing the floor, installing shelves, and a fresh coat of paint. Some possible displays that would be beneficial to adults and children were discussed as well. This included a tree cross section to display how to count age and show effects of thinning, other events, etc.

#### **Forestry Board Sponsored Educational Tours**

Possible events that the Board could sponsor and put on in conjunction with the MD DNR Forest Service was discussed. Possible ideas discussed included a tour at Doncaster State Forest to showcase sustainable forest management, non-native invasive species identification, possible funding sources to private landowners for tree planting as afforestation, and a showcase of TSI marking. The possibility of provided transportation to these events was also discussed. The Forest Service office was contacted by someone wishing to volunteer in putting on an event like these. They will possibly be invited to assist in these programs. A possible pre-tour and post-tour survey was discussed to ask participants about their views of different sustainable forestry practices.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Robert Eaton reported that we have \$3756.56 in the Forestry Board account.

#### **Next Meeting Schedule**

The next meeting will be held at the MD DNR Forest Service - Charles County Field Office at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

Minutes submitted by:

Broc W. Bowers