



# CALVERT COUNTY FOREST CONSERVANCY DISTRICT BOARD

*Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chair*    *Jill Lee, Vice Chair*

*Dawn Balinski, Treasurer*    *Kenneth Johnston*

*Amalia Pleake-Tamm*

*Steve Stadelman*

The Calvert County Forest Conservancy District Board met on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick, MD. Members in attendance included Dawn Balinski, Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Kenneth Johnston, Amalia Pleake-Tamm (via telephone) and Brian Stupak. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Autumn Phillips-Lewis, Chairperson.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Current balance - \$4,124.00
- Expenditures - none

## **Old Business**

- Website update – Steve found a less expensive website option. Wattz Web Design offers a 5-page, template-based website for \$600. Hosting fees are \$20/month and one month of maintenance is \$40/month. Steve recommended two months of hosting and one month of maintenance, after which he would assume the maintenance of the site and would find a cheaper hosting service. Total initial expense would be \$680.00. Additional pages could be added in the future. The Board viewed some of the company's design work and after some discussion, approved the fund request (4-0).
- Spring Workshop – The Board worked through some of the logistics for the March 23 event at Double Oak Farm. Lunch will be from Giant Food and will consist of finger wraps, cookies, soda, water, chips, etc. Cost is estimated to be \$250-300. The Board approved the expenditure (4-0). Reservations will be through Brian via a Google form. Advertising will be through the DNR Facebook page and the Master Naturalists. Brian will submit a draft posting for Board approval. Two social media posts will be requested, Feb 22 & March 7.

## **New Business**

- Funding sources – the Board discussed possible funding sources. They included selling fire crew t-shirts and requesting additional funds from the county. The t-shirt idea would require a large outlay of funding (~\$1,200), would not bring in a lot of revenue (est. ~\$350) and would not be steady. Requesting additional funds from the county govt. was also discussed. It was felt that, with some economic uncertainty ahead, the county may not look favorably on any funding increase and may jeopardize the Board consistent funding over the past 25 years.
- ADPC prizes – Brian suggested that the Arbor Day Poster Contest prizes be scaled back even further. However, after some discussion, the idea was not pursued since it would only save ~\$75.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm. The next regular meeting will be March 13, 2024, at the Phillips House in Prince Frederick. **The meeting will start at 6:00pm.**