

Cecil Forest Conservancy District Board

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 2nd, 2025

6PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

Attendees:

Gabrielle Oldham	Ron Anderson	John Bennett
Dori Murphy	Kathie Jarmon	Katie Kranich
Matt Spiroff	Emilio Concari	Tom Frederick
Audrey Bennett	Leah Bennett	

Call to Order

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

The March 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting. John made a motion to approve the minutes, Ron seconded, and all other Board members voted in favor of the motion.

Treasurer's report

John provided the treasurer's report:

- No new purchases were made by the Board in the month of March.
- Gabrielle made one purchase in February. The purchase was the registration fee for the 2025 St. Mary Anne's Garden Market. Registration was \$100, and Gabrielle will be seeking reimbursement at a future meeting of the Board.
- Gabrielle found the receipt for the plastic storage containers procured to hold the Board's items.
- John made a motion to approve the \$500 for NRCC tuition for a camper from Cecil. Kathie seconded the motion, and all other Board members voted in favor of the motion.

Maryland Big Tree Program Update

March Big Tree Report

CECIL — We need to discuss the details on the remeasuring trip scheduled for Sunday, April 6th. Currently we are planning to re-measure 5 trees and measure 1 new tree. Two of the 5 are in Kent County.

STATE: As of 1/1/25, we had 282 trees on the list to re-measure. Since then we have agreed to move to “Inactive” 45 trees. 18 trees are deceased and 47 trees have been re-measured—14 in Washington County, 14 in PG County, 6 in Cecil, 7 in Calvert, 5 in Montgomery, 1 in Anne Arundel. That leaves 173.

21 new trees have been measured in 2025.



Yellow Poplar Visitation Hotel Frederick Cucumber magnolia – PG County – MD Champ - GOAT

Figure 1: Trees referenced in Big Tree report.

Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC) Update

Gabrielle provided the update.

- Registration for NRCC 2025 is underway and Boards are welcoming applications across the state. Registration is over half full and new applicants are still welcomed.
- The Cecil Board hosted Audrey Bennett at the April meeting for an NRCC interview. The Board enjoyed meeting with Audrey and hopes that Audrey has wonderful time at NRCC 2025.
- John made a motion for the Cecil Board to sponsor Audrey to attend NRCC. Dori seconded the motion, and all other Board members voted in favor of the motion.
- General discussion surrounding many NRCC topics including camp t-shirt ordering, camp staffing, and other logistics.

Website Update

Ron provided a report on the following website updates:

- The March Meeting Minutes and the April Meeting Agenda were added to the website.
- The Board discussed posting pictures from the MBTP Centennial celebration.

Old Business

- The Board discussed the MBTP Centennial Celebration and reviewed pictures from the day.
- Gabrielle is still seeking reimbursement for the plastic storage bins obtained for the Board's items. Gabrielle provided the receipt from the vendor, and a reimbursement check will be issued.
- The Board would like to obtain permission to plant a tree at the Elk Neck State Forest Arboretum to honor Michael's late mother. Matt will follow up with the project manager to request permission.
- The Board will plant the liberty tree descendant that the Board received last year as a gift from the Allegany Forestry Board at our next meeting. The tree is to be planted at Black Hill.

New Business

- Matt and Gabrielle briefly recapped the Association of Forestry Boards meeting held on March 6th. The Board discussed the proposed changes to the Forestry Boards with information provided by DNR leadership.
- John discussed the April 6th MBTP measuring day to be completed by members of the Cecil Forestry Board.
- John has submitted for a press release through DNR channels on the Senate resolution and official citation from the MD General Assembly recognizing the Maryland Big Tree Program Centennial.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held on April 30th, 2025 at 5:00 PM.