Cecil Forest Conservancy District Board

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 11th, 2024

6PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

Attendees:

Gabrielle Oldham John Bennett Tom Frederick

Matt Spiroff Emilio Concari

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

The November 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board via email on 12/06/2024.

Treasurer's report

John provided the treasurer's report:

No new purchases were made by the Board in the month of November.

Maryland Big Tree Program Update:

 Due to a technical error, John was not able to assemble a document for November's Maryland Big Tree Program update. John did report that November activity was relatively light in the County and State.

Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC) Update:

Gabrielle provided the update.

- Registration for NRCC 2025 is underway and Boards are welcoming applications across the state.
- No additional comments or changes were made to the 2025 NRCC news release that Gabrielle
 had previously drafted. Matt will submit the article through the proper DNR channels to be
 released in the Spring.

Website Update:

Ron was not available to provide an update.

Old Business:

- The Board reviewed and edited the invitation to the Maryland Big Tree Program Centennial celebration that John is planning. The event will be held in Cecil County at the Donaldson Brown Center. For more information about the event, and how to register, contact John Bennett.
- Gabrielle issued a letter to the Chesapeake Bay Trust on behalf of the Board in support of the Town of Charlestown serving as a host organization to participate in the Chesapeake Conservation and Climate Corps Program.

New Business:

Once again the DNR Forest Service is hosting the annual 5th grade Arbor Day poster contest.
 Meeting attendees discussed how to increase participation of the program in Cecil County and ways to reach out to 5th graders.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM.