

# Cecil Forest Conservancy District Board

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## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 12th, 2025

5PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

### Attendees:

Gabrielle Oldham	Ron Anderson	John Bennett
Dori Murphy	Kathie Jarmon	Michael Morgan
Matt Spiroff	Emilio Concari	Kaitlyn Paulchell
Daniel Root		

### Call to Order

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

\*The Board decided to meet 1 hour earlier than scheduled to handle official Board business prior to the arrival of our DNR guests in order to adjourn earlier to avoid predicted bad weather for the evening.

The January 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board via email on 1/30/2025.

### Treasurer's report

John provided the treasurer's report:

- No new purchases were made by the Board in the month of January.
- 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 Garbielle will be seeking reimbursement at a future meeting of the Board.

## **Maryland Big Tree Program Update**

### **December Big Tree Report**

**CECIL:** We have 25 trees to re-measure in 2025. I'm proposing that BT-1695, the river birch, be moved to "Inactive" as it no longer meets the minimum size standard. I also propose that we set some potential dates for late February/March.

**STATE:** As of 1/1/25, we had 282 trees on the list to re-measure. Since then we have agreed to move 43 trees to "Inactive". 13 trees are deceased and 15 trees have been re-measured — 10 in Washington County and 5 in PG County. That leaves 211.

Two new trees were measured — both in Washington County — an eastern red cedar and a bur oak. Both are new county champions.



Eastern red cedar



Bur oak

*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.

### **Website Update**

- Ron posted the Board's January meeting agenda and meeting minutes to the website.

### **Old Business**

- John reported that much of the planning process for the MBTP Centennial Celebration is well underway. Details with the Donalson Brown Center are beginning to finalize.
- Gabrielle is still seeking reimbursement for the plastic storage bins obtained for the Board's items. Gabrielle needs to obtain receipts from the vendor before the Board is able to issue the reimbursement.

### **New Business**

- The Board welcomed two DNR guests at our meeting. Kaitlyn Paulchell provided an update to the Board on the 5 Million Tree Initiative and current and expanded tree planting programs available to public and private landowners. Daniel Root provided a presentation on the state's implementation of Forest Legacy and forest health programs including information regarding non-native invasive species challenges in Maryland.
- The Board reviewed and recommended the approval of 1 Forest Retention Area timber harvest plan submitted by Christopher Figgs for 9 forest acres in the area of Blue Ball Road in Elkton, MD. John made the motion and Ron seconded the motion. Michael abstained from voting. All other present Board members voted in favor of the motion.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.**

**The next meeting will be held on March 5th, 2025 at 6:00 PM.**