

# **Cecil County Forestry Board**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday July 1, 2026

5:45 PM @ North East Library

### **Attendees:**

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| Gabrielle Oldham | Ron Anderson  | Michael Morgan | John Bennett  |
| Dori Murphy      | Kathie Jarmon | Katie Kranich  | Tom Frederick |

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

John provided the report:

- No new Board expenses during the previous month. (Note that a prospective NRCC student did not return Gabrielle's calls or emails. So the expected \$500.00 expense from last month did not occur.)
- The transition because of the purchase of Cecil Bank by Ephrata Bank has occurred. John and Dori have completed the paperwork for the transition with Maryland Forestry Foundation (MFF) requirements. The Board discussed what checks should be "purchased". The Board decided on the least expensive. Note the first order of checks may be free or discounted.

### **Maryland Big Tree Program:**

John provided the report:

- John, Dori and Tom measured a new white oak tree in Colora, MD. It scored 331 total points and is # 3 in size in Cecil County. The tree had a very large crown.
- As of 6/30/26 John has resigned from the State Chair of the Big Tree Program. He will continue to measure trees, print and send out certificates.
- Joli McCathran (Montgomery County) will serve as State Big Tree Chairperson and Jim Sherring (Harford County) will serve as Vice-Chair for the Program.
- There are several groups of trees in Cecil County that will need to be re-measured. But they will have to wait for cooler weather in the Fall.

### **Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC):**

Gabrielle provided the report:

- Cecil County will have 1 student for this year's NRCC.
- The State NRCC Program has received a total of 41 applications with 36 students being accepted so far.

### **Website Update:**

Ron provided the report:

- Last month's meeting minutes were posted.

### **Old Business:**

- There was much discussion and many questions about the Liability Coverage issue for non-State/Regional Board members. Gabrielle will try to get questions answered by/at the next Regional Meeting.
- Michael will start working with Doris Behnke, with Cooperative Extension Service, on planning a Pruning Workshop for this Fall.
- Just a reminder, Gabrielle's Retirement event will be on Saturday, October 3, 2026.

### **New Business:**

- The Board will need to provide a Work Plan to the Maryland Forestry Foundation at some point.
- Gabrielle is going to attend the Town of North East Historical "lock-up" building opening over the Holiday to see if it will work for being a meeting location.
- Board members filled out the new Volunteer Registration Forms and Gabrielle will forward them to the Maryland Forestry Foundation.