

# **Cecil County Forestry Board**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026

2:00 PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

### **In-Person Attendees:**

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| Gabrielle Oldham | Ron Anderson | John Bennett  | Emilio Concari |
| Matt Spiroff     | Dori Murphy  | Tom Frederick |                |

### **Virtual Attendees:**

Katie Kranich

### **Call to Order**

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

The May 2026 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board by email on 5/30/26.

### **Treasurer's report**

John provided the report:

- No new Board expenses in the month of May.
- John discussed the ongoing changes with Cecil Bank, including the merger with Ephrata Bank.
- The Board's transition into the new forestry board banking system is also pending. Maryland Forestry Foundation personnel are working on completing the process.
- General discussion regarding the Board exploring the idea of using other banks in the area.

### **Maryland Big Tree Program**

John provided the report:

- There are a number of trees to be re-measured in Cecil. General discussion regarding reaching out to landowners and how to schedule approximately four re-measuring trips.
- MBTP volunteers voiced concerns related to liability insurance coverage following the Maryland Forestry Boards 2026 transition.

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

Gabrielle provided the report:

- NRCC 2026 registration is currently at 21 accepted students so far.
- Gabrielle was not able to get an article published by the Cecil Whig this year.
- Gabrielle spoke with 1 camper who attended NRCC 2025. The camper was not able to complete the full week. The Board discussed sending the camper back to NRCC 2026. John made a motion to send the camper and approve the \$500 tuition fee. Dori seconded the motion. All other Board members voted to approve the motion.

### **Website**

Ron provided the report:

- The May meeting minutes were added to the website.
- The Board discussed updates needed for the Board's website, such as removing the old logo, updating the Board history section, and changing the Board's name.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

- Gabrielle discussed the upcoming National Night Out event (Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026) and wants the Board to participate. Board members discussed and encouraged Gabrielle to explore setting up a booth at the event.
- Board members voiced concerns over daytime meetings of the Cecil County Forestry Board at Black Hill Ranger Station. The Board is going to explore options to meet outside of a state facility and after hours. Board members are encouraged to contact Gabrielle with questions or comments.
- With the Board's desire to move Board meetings to a time and place after regular hours and outside of a state facility, agenda and minutes duties will be turned over to a Board member that is able to attend meetings regularly. Contact Gabrielle and Matt for additional information.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45 PM.**

**The next meeting date and location is TBD.**