

Cecil Forest Conservancy District Board

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 5th, 2025

6PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

Attendees:

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

Call to Order

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The February 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the board via email on 3/3/2025.

Treasurer's report

John provided the treasurer's report:

- No new purchases were made by the Board in the month of February.
- 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.
- The Board voted on one expense at the meeting which is covered in the New Business section of these minutes.

Maryland Big Tree Program Update

February Big Tree Report

CECIL – I want to change the meeting location for our Sunday, March 9th re-measurement day to the Gallaher Road Parking Lot. Fair Hill NRMA Ranger Leslie Leader will be assisting us. I suggest I meet Dori and Gabrielle at the Acme parking lot at 9:45 a.m., and we will carpool to Gallaher Road, arriving by 10:00 a.m. Kathie can drive over from her house. After we finish at Fair Hill, we can drive back to the Big Elk Mall and re-measure the trees at Holly Hall.

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. 14 trees are deceased and 26 trees have been re-measured—13 in Washington County, 10 in PG County, 2 in Montgomery, 1 in Anne Arundel. That leaves 197.

14 new trees have been measured in 2025.



Top left: Eastern cottonwood
Top right: American elm (Potomac River in background)
Bottom right: American sycamore (notice train in background)

All trees along the towpath of the C & O Canal in Frederick County.

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 being welcomed.

Website Update

- Ron provided a report on the following website updates:
3/3/2025 – Added February Meeting Minutes
3/5/2025 – Added March Meeting Agenda
3/5/2025 – Removed BT-2701 from map of publicly-accessible BT's in Cecil County – inactive
3/5/2025 – Fixed source file error which prevented the January 2024 Meeting Minutes from being shown.

Old Business

- John reported the planning process for the MBTP Centennial Celebration is complete and is excited for the event. A few last details were discussed and planned for the day of the event.
- 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

- Matt and Gabrielle are attending the statewide Association of Forestry Boards meeting in western Maryland on March 6th and will report on it at the next meeting.
- Matt presented the Cecil County Envirothon letter that the Board had received. John made a motion to donate \$150 to the county Envirothon. Ron and Dori seconded the motion, and all other members voted in favor of the motion. Since the meeting, Matt has delivered the check.
- New business that the Board has decided to place into Old Business at our April meeting includes discussion on a memorial tree planted to honor Michael's mother, as well as the planting of the liberty tree descendant that the Board received last year as a gift from the Allegany Forestry Board.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held on April 2nd, 2025 at 6:00 PM.