

# **Cecil Forest Conservancy District Board**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

6PM @ Black Hill Ranger Station

### **Attendees:**

Gabrielle Oldham	Ron Anderson	John Bennett	Dori Murphy
Kathie Jarmon	Matt Spiroff	Emilio Concari	Mike Morgan

### **Call to Order**

Gabrielle brought the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

The September 2025 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board by email.

### **Treasurer's report**

John provided the treasurer's report:

- No new Board expenses were incurred in the month of September and October 2025.
- At the meeting, John made a motion for the Board to fund 1600 white pine seedlings. Ron seconded the motion, and all other Board members voted in favor of the motion.
- The tree seedlings will support Cecil County public schools 2026 Arbor Day programs and the Board's booth at the 2026 St. Mary Anne's Garden Market.
- John also drafted an example 2025 financial report that aligns with the soon to come guidelines for Forestry Boards.

### **Maryland Big Tree Program**

John Provided the Big Tree Program Report:

### **October Big Tree Report**

**CECIL – BT-3667**, the county champion umbrella magnolia at Fair Hill NRMA, has been cut down and grass planted. I was notified by a visitor who went to see it.

**STATE – The Big Tree Centennial Contest** – I received two nominations, both from Ashley Simpson and her husband. Both were found in Green Ridge State Forest. The larger of the two was measured at 13' circumference.

I understand the Maryland 250 calendar from the Maryland Forest Service has been delayed due to printing issues.

**3** trees were measured in October; two privately-owned trees in Frederick and a privately-owned black walnut in Baltimore. The walnut is owned by Edrich Lumber Company, a well-known forest products company. The measurement was done by Dan Rider, Maryland Forest Service.

**September** was very busy with 43 trees measured/re-measured.



*Figure 1. Trees referenced in the above Big Tree report.*



Black Walnut - Baltimore



White Oak - Frederick

*Figure 2. Trees referenced in the above Big Tree report.*

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

Gabrielle provided the report:

- Gabrielle announced that NRCC will be welcoming new directors at the 2026 camp. Will Williams and Bud Reeves will be serving as the Director and Deputy Director of the camp going forward.
- Gabrielle was honored with a Directors Commendation for her 30 years serving the NRCC program. The commendation was presented to her at the October 2025 Association of Forestry Boards meeting.
- Furthermore, Gabrielle and her efforts to support the NRCC will be honored with a bronze plaque to be installed at a local DNR facility. Details and funding of the project as well as the unveiling of the project are to be determined.

### **Website**

Ron provided the report:

- The September Meeting Minutes and the November Meeting Agenda were added to the website.

### **Old Business**

- The Board still plans to plant a tree at the Elk Neck State Forest Arboretum in memorial of Board member Michael Morgans late mother. Tentatively, the tree will be a black gum and will be planted by the Board in Spring of 2026.

### **New Business**

- With the presentation of Garbielle's Directors Commendation, the Board discussed planting a tree at the Elk Neck State Forest Arboretum for her as well. Tentatively, the tree are to be planted in Spring 2026 and species is undetermined at this time.
- The Board discussed planning a pruning demonstration or workshop that is open to the public. Workshop is to be held at the Elk Neck State Forest Arboretum. DNR staff need to meet with Mike Morgan to review site and scope of work in January 2026.
- The Board discussed the Chesapeake Bay Trust mini grant for urban and underserved tree plantings. General discussion regarding potential planting sites.
- The Board spent some time going over the 2026 Annual Work Plan. The Board decided to hold off on developing the 2026 AWP due to the lateness of the evening.

**The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.**

**The next meeting date is Wednesday December 3rd at 6:00pm.**