



Draft Minutes

Board of Trustees Special Forestry Committee
March 1, 2021 1:00 pm
VIRTUAL MEETING via ZOOM Link

ATTENDEES:

Trustees:

Eleanor Brown
Elizabeth Obenshain

Staff:

Bobbie Cabibbo, Executive Assistant
Anna Chisholm, Deputy Director, Administration
Leslie Grayson, Deputy Director
Martha Little, Deputy Director
Dave Morton, IT Director
Emily White, Grants Programs Manager

Eleanor Brown opened the meeting by reciting: “ As a result of the state of emergency declared in the Commonwealth by order of the Governor on March 12, 2020: Pursuant to Executive Amendment 28 to HB29 (2020), the Board of Trustees’ Special Forestry Committee of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF) will meet by electronic communication means, without more than one Board member physically assembled at one location, to discuss or transact the business statutorily required or necessary to continue operations of VOF and the discharge of its lawful purposes, duties and responsibilities, as outlined in the meeting agenda. Due to the Governor’s declared state of emergency, the meeting will be held electronically because the nature of the emergency makes it impracticable and unsafe to assemble in a single location. In addition, the purpose of the meeting is to discuss or transact business statutorily required to continue the operations of the Virginia Outdoors Foundation.” Then roll was called.

Public Comments

No public comments were offered

Forest CORE Fund

Emily White took the attendees through an overview of the 9 submitted applications and the associated charts in the meeting materials.

After consultation and discussion, the committee agreed to recommend to the full Board of Trustees the following projects and grant amounts.

Locality	Project Name	Applicant	Recommended Grant Amount
Roanoke	Carvins Cove Shoreline Protection	Western Virginia Water Authority	\$175,000
Danville	Anglers Ridge Trail	City of Danville	\$200,000
Franklin	Round Hill	Friends of Rivers Virginia	\$94,100
Giles	Newport Park	Giles County	\$200,000
Montgomery	Brush Mt. Property 2: Trail Planning & Implementation	New River Land Trust	\$32,460
SWVA Region	Plant SWVA Natives Campaign & Propagation Center	New River Valley Regional Commission	\$175,000
Blacksburg/Montgomery	Meadowbrook Greenway	Town of Blacksburg	\$85,000
Giles	Mill Creek Nature Park Revitalization	Town of Narrows	\$39,490

The trustees agreed to recommend that there be no grant round for the MVP Forest CORE Fund in FY22.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25.