



Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Board - Aug 13 2026 Agenda

Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 12:00 PM

26737 Radio Station Way, Suite C., Leonardtown, MD THIS AGENDA IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE - TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE A part or all of the meeting may be conducted in closed session

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Call to Order

2. ROLL CALL

- A. Confirmation of Quorum (2 minutes)
 - Scott Bacon, Forestry, 3rd term expires 12/31/2030
 - Ben Beale, Ex Officio University of Maryland Extension
 - Bonnie Browne, Community Member, 1st term expires 12/31/2029
 - John Delozier, Agriculture, 1st term expires 12/31/2030
 - Justin Cheseldine-Gass, Seafood, 1st term expires 6/30/2027
 - Kaitlin Fraer, Community Member, 1st term expires 6/30/2029
 - Zachary Garnes, Member, 1st term expires 6/30/2031
 - Sydney Garner, Ex Officio St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development
 - Connie Gunn, Real Estate Community Representative, 1st term expires 12/31/2029
 - Priscilla Leitch, Agriculture, 1st term expires 12/31/2029
 - Erin Melanson, Agriculture, 1st term expires 12/31/2030
 - James Moore, Agriculture, 1st term expires 6/30/2027
 - Jeffrey Pharis, Seafood, 1st term expires 6/30/2030
 - Alan Polk, Forestry, 2nd term expires 12/31/2029
 - Robert Wentworth, 1st term expires 6/30/2031
 - Bruce Young, Ex Officio St. Mary's County Soil Conservation District

- B. Welcome Guests (2 minutes)

3. Approval of Minutes

I move to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2026 Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Board Meeting.

4. PRESENTATION

Forestry Presentation - Daniel Pratson, University of Maryland Extension

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Agricultural Reconciliation Committee (5 minutes)
Subcommittee membership includes John Delozier, Kaitlin Fraer, Connie Gunn, Erin Melanson, and Jeff Pharis
- B. Agriculture Land Preservation Advisory Board (5 minutes)
Subcommittee membership includes Scott Bacon, John Delozier, Priscilla Leitch, James Moore, and Alan Polk

Will meet at the conclusion of this meeting to discuss the Family Lot Exclusions request on MALPF File # 18-99-13e

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Agriculture Updates (5 minutes)
- B. Seafood/Aquaculture Updates (5 minutes)
- C. Forestry Updates (5 minutes)
- D. Maryland Agriculture Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) Updates (5 minutes)
- E. Rural Legacy Updates (5 minutes)
- F. Farmers Market Updates (5 minutes)

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Board Member Open Comment Period (15 minutes)
- B. Partner Updates - time permitting (5 minutes)

8. ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the August 13, 2026 Agriculture, Seafood, and Forestry Board Meeting

Appropriate accommodations for individuals with special needs will be provided upon request. In order to meet these requirements, we respectfully ask for one week's prior notice. Please contact Lisa Ledman at 240-309-4021. All content of these proceedings is subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act.