



Conway Tree Board

Meeting Minutes

January 5, 2026 | 4:30pm–5:26pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

Roll Call

Present:

Swope, Marshall, Stanford, Bell, Quinn, Cooper, Pryor, Tucker

Absent:

Moses

Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes.

First: Bell

Second: Pryor

Motion approved unanimously.

Guest Presentation

Arkansas Forest & Drinking Water Collaborative – Community Tree Grant

Presenters: Joy Wilson (Environmental Consultant), Stephen Hogan (Conway Corp)

Summary:

- Overview of the Community Tree Grant and partnership between forestry and drinking water agencies
- Conway Corp serving as a host site
- Goals include growing 5,000–7,000 native potted trees and restoring approximately two miles of riparian areas
- Approximately 3,300 seedlings already potted through volunteer events
- Development of mobile solar-powered irrigation systems to improve tree survival rates
- Seeking additional volunteers and landowners, particularly within the Lake Brewer watershed

Conway Corp Update:

- Brewer Lake supplies most of Conway's drinking water
- Sediment and nutrient runoff contribute to seasonal taste and odor issues
- Treatment improvements implemented, including activated carbon
- Watershed Management Plan underway to identify priority restoration areas and best management practices

Officer Elections (2026)

The board conducted annual officer elections.

Chair: Swope

Vice Chair: Bell

Secretary: Pryor

All positions approved without opposition.

Spring Tree Giveaway

Date: Saturday, March 21

Time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Faulkner County Museum (Dogtrot Cabin)

- Approximately 1,200 bare-root seedlings will be distributed
- Discussed labeling methods, volunteer assignments, and educational handouts
- Social media promotion planned

Arbor Day 2026 Planning

Date: Saturday, November 7

- Begin outreach to schools earlier for participation (choir/mascots)
- Increase marketing and online presence
- Continue potted tree giveaways

Bradford Pear Bounty Program

- Residents who remove Bradford pear trees may receive a native replacement tree
- Estimated limit of 25 participants

- Photo verification required
- Trees reserved through online registration

Budget

- Annual funding support from Conway Corp (~\$5,000)
- Spring tree inventory already ordered
- Small rollover balance remaining

Other Business

- Discussed potential future events including tree walks and partnerships
- Encouraged member engagement and volunteer recruitment

Next Meeting

Monday, February 2, 2026

4:30 – 6:00 PM

City Hall

1111 Main Street

Conway, AR

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:22 PM.