



## 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.

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## Roll Call

### Present:

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

### Absent:

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## Approval of Previous Minutes

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes.

First: Bell

Second: Pryor

Motion approved unanimously.

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## 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
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## **Officer Elections (2026)**

The board conducted annual officer elections.

Chair: Swope

Vice Chair: Bell

Secretary: Pryor

All positions approved without opposition.

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## **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
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## **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
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## **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
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### **Budget**

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

- Discussed potential future events including tree walks and partnerships
  - Encouraged member engagement and volunteer recruitment
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### **Next Meeting**

Monday, February 2, 2026  
4:30 – 6:00 PM  
City Hall  
1111 Main Street  
Conway, AR

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### **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:22 PM.