

Final Board Minutes

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee  
Board of Game and Inland fisheries  
7870 Villa Park Drive – Board Room  
Henrico, VA 23228

January 23, 2019  
10:00 am

**Present:** Mr. Ryan Brown, **Chairman;** Mrs. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. G. K. Washington; **Board members in attendance:** Ms. Karen Terwilliger; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Gary Martel, Dr. Gray Anderson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Major Scott Naff, Major Bryan Young, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr. Tom Guess

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and noted for the record that a Quorum was present for today's meeting.

The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a Recognition. Dr. Anderson presented Mr. Matt Kline, the Land Facility Employee of the Year Award for 2018.

**Approval of the October 24, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes:**

The Chairman call for a motion to approve the October 24, 2018 Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement meeting minutes. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2018 Committee meeting. Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Butterworth, Washington

**Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:**

The Chairman called for Public Comments – Non Agenda items, and hearing none, he continued on with the Agenda.

**Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtle Regulation:** The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson presented the Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtle Regulations.

After discussion and comments, Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

The Chairman called for a motion, Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, & Law committee recommend adoption of the proposed regulation amendments for the commercial harvest of snapping turtles as presented by staff, with an effective date of March 1, 2019, to align with the permit issuance and harvest period. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Butterworth, and Washington

**Proposed Migratory Bird Regulations:** The Chairman called on Dr. Gary Costanzo for a presentation.

Dr. Costanzo presented the Proposed Migratory Bird Regulations.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Dr. Costanzo for his presentation.

The Chairman called for a motion, Ms. Butterworth made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee approve to the full Board the preliminary 2019-2020 Migratory Game Bird Season and Bag limit recommendations as presented by staff, for advertisement to the public. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Butterworth, and Washington

The Chairman called for a break at 10:55 am

The Chairman resumed the meeting at 11:10 am

**Public Scoping Period Summary:** The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson presented the Public Scoping Period Summary.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

- Ms. Stephanie Kitchen with the VA Farm Bureau spoke in regards to the Public Scoping Period

**Elk Management Plan:** The Chairman called on Dr. David Kalb for a presentation.

Dr. David Kalb presented the Elk Management Plan.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Dr. Kalb for his presentation.

- Ms. Stephanie Kitchen with the VA Farm Bureau spoke in regards to the Elk Plan
- Mr. Jason Carter with the Virginia Cattlemen's Association spoke in regards to the Elk Plan

The Chairman called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee Table the Elk Management Plan until the March 20, 2019 Wildlife, Boat, and Law Committee meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brown, Washington, Butterworth, Boyd

**Boat Registration and Title Proposal:** The Chairman called on Mr. Darin Moore for a presentation.

Mr. Moore presented the Boat Registration and Title Proposal

- Board Member Ms. Terwilliger departed the meeting at 11:30 am
- Board Member Dr. Parker arrived at 12:50 pm

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation.

The Chairman called for a motion. Ms. Butterworth made a motion. Mr. Chairman, I move to forward the original fee increase proposal for Boat Registration and Title to the full board for consideration and possible adoption.

*This includes:*

- *An increase for all boat registrations, duplicate registration, change in boat motor, and Duplicate title by \$5; and*
- *An increase for title, supplemental lien title, and transfer by \$3*

It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Washington, Butterworth

- Board Member, Mr. Daniel arrived at 12:45 pm

**Law Update:** The Chairman called on Major Scott Naff for an Update.

Major Naff reported that Law Enforcement was working on Evaluation of CPO and explained how the process

**Wildlife Division Update:** The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a Wildlife Division Update.

Dr. Anderson had no update

**Fish Division Update:** The Chairman called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for a Fisheries Division Update.

Dr. Bednarski reported:

- Trout stocking is underway
- Trout line has been modernized
- Governor's Fishing Challenge for 2019 is being planned
- Prepping for 2019 warm water production season
- Planning production at King and Queen following substantial flood damage

**Director's Update:** The Chairman called on Mr. Bob Duncan for a Director's report.

The Director requested in the essence of time to carry over his report to the Board meeting.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chairman thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. He thanked staff for their excellent presentations.

The Chairman asked if anyone had any further comments or questions, hearing none, he announced that the next Wildlife, Boat and Law Committee meeting would be Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 10:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm

- Board Member Ms. Terwilliger returned to the meeting at 1:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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