

FINAL Board Minutes

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

March 20, 2019  
10:00 am

**Present:** Mr. Ryan Brown, **Chairman;** Mrs. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. G. K. Washington; **Board members in attendance:** Mr. John Daniel, Ms. Catherine Claiborne; **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.

**Approval of the January 23, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes:**

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the January 23, 2019 Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement meeting minutes. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2019 Committee meeting. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Butterworth, Boyd, Washington

**Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:**

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

**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, Mr. Brown thanked Dr. Costanzo for his presentation.

The Chairman called for a motion, Mr. Washington made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, & Law Committee approve to the Full Board, the Final 2019-2020 Migratory Game Bird Season and Bag Limit proposals as presented by staff. Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Brown, Butterworth, Boyd, Washington

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

Dr. Kalb presented the Elk Management Plan.

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

- Ms. Stephanie Kitchen from Richmond, VA with the VA Farm Bureau spoke in regards to the Elk Plan
- Mr. Jason Carter, from Daleville, VA 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 recommend to the Full Board, the 2019-2028 Virginia Elk Management Plan as presented by staff... It was seconded by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Butterworth, Washington

**Proposed Wildlife Division Staff Recommendations:** The Chairman called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson presented the Proposed Wildlife Division Staff Recommendations.

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

- Ms. Stephanie Kitchen from the VA Farm Bureau spoke regarding the Proposed Wildlife Division Staff Recommendations

The Chairman called for a motion, Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee recommend to the Full Board the 2019 -2020 Terrestrial Wildlife Regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Butterworth. Ayes: Brown, Boyd, Washington, Butterworth

**Law Update:** The Chairman called on Major Bryan Young for an Update.

Major Young reported:

- Newly trained canines
- NASBLA – Instructors Training
- Investigative training for all CPO's
- Guy Bradley Award presented to Lt. Karl Martin who is retiring after 47 years of service

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

Dr. Anderson reported:

- The Clinch Mountain road will be open by April 5, 2019

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

Dr. Bednarski reported:

- Free Fishing Days – June 7, 8, 9, 2019
- Open house at all 5 Hatcheries before Free Fishing Days
- Governor’s Fishing Challenge for 2019 is being planned
- Creel Season under way
- Fish counter was installed at Walkers Dam
- Fish & Wildlife System Information Group and thanked Karen Horodysky for her work
- Trout Wildlife Management Plan

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

Mr. Duncan Reported:

- Guy Bradley Award presented to Karl Martin
- Deer Management Achievement Award presented to Deer Project Co-Leader Matt Knox
- Naming of 2 New WMA’s Goose Pond 1,300 acres and Sutton Lane 430 acres
- Saw Whet Owls Project at the Powhatan WMA

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

The Chairman gave a gracious send off to Executive Director Bob Duncan on his Retirement and thanked him for all of his years of service to the agency.

The Chairman asked if anyone had any further comments or questions.

Board Member Karen Terwilliger asked for an update concerning the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel situation regarding the birds and Director Duncan said that the subject would be discussed in Closed Session on Thursday at the Board meeting.

The Chairman announced that the next Wildlife, Boat and Law Committee meeting would be Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 10:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 12:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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