

FINAL Meeting Minutes

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
7870 Villa Park Drive
Henrico, Va. 23228

June 15, 2016

Present: Mr. Leon Boyd, **Chairman**, Mr. Leon Turner, Mr. Watkins Abbitt, Ms. Nicole Butterworth; **Board Member:** Ms. Catherine Claiborne, **Director:** Mr. Robert "Bob" Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team:** Ryan Brown, Lee Walker, Darin Moore, Gary Martel.

The Chairman welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and noted for the record that a quorum was present.

Approval of the March 23, 2016 Committee Meeting Minutes: The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2016 Wildlife, Boat & Law Committee Meeting. Mr. Abbitt made a motion to approve the March 23, 2016 Committee Meeting Minutes, and Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Ayes: Boyd, Turner, Abbitt, Butterworth

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items: Mr. Boyd called for Public Comments – Non Agenda Items, hearing none, he continued on with the Agenda.

Other Regulatory Proposals: Mr. Ryan Brown presented the Regulation regarding paint color for the posting of land and the Repeal Regulatory requirement for physical signatures on most licenses.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion.

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee recommend that the Board adopt the regulation regarding paint color for the posting of land be purple and would be added to the existing color aluminum and the repeal of the Regulatory requirement for physical signatures on most licenses as presented by staff. Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Boyd, Turner, Abbitt, Butterworth

Staff Recommendation – Waterfowl Blind Regulation for York River: Dr. Gary Costanzo presented the Staff Recommendation for the Waterfowl Blind Regulation for York River.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion.

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee recommend that the Board propose the Waterfowl Blind regulation for the York River as presented by staff. Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Boyd, Turner, Abbitt, Butterworth

Staff Recommendation – Endangered & Threatened Species Regulation : Ms. Becky Gwynn presented the Staff Recommendation for Endangered & Threatened Species Regulation.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion.

Ms. Butterworth made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I hereby move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee recommend that the Board propose the Endangered and Threatened Species regulation amendments as present by staff. Mr. Abbitt seconded the motion. Ayes: Boyd, Turner, Abbitt, Butterworth

Habitat Management: Mr. Steve Living, Lands and Facilities Manager presented an update on the Bureau of Wildlife Resources habitat management activities to the committee members.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman thanked Mr. Living for his presentation.

Bureau Update: Mr. Cale Godfrey, Assistant Bureau Director, provided the following update on the Bureau.

- Boating Access Renovations - Penhook Boat Ramp, Anthony Ford Boat Ramp, Town Point Landing Boat Ramp, and West Point Landing (with video)
- Reintroduction of the Yellowfin Madtom on the North Fork of the Holston River in Smyth County (with video)
- Clinch Mountain Barrier Free Trail (with video)

Mr. Boyd relayed several requests he has heard from the public regarding the Clinch Mountain Barriers Free Trail :

- More port-a-jons, especially for women and children
- Have "Kids Day "
- Ability to purchase all licenses through via a phone – Go Outdoorsvirginia solution will take care of that request
- Install a kiosk at facilities so constituents can purchase license, permits, etc.

Mr. Turner requested an update on Game Farm Marsh. The Director indicated this update would be provided in the Director's Report topics.

Mr. Turner requested an update from our Law Enforcement at the next committee meeting.

Mr. Abbitt and Mr. Turner requested an Elk Project update.

Director's Report: The Director reported on the following items:

- Air Bow Demonstration event
- Director called on Cale Godfrey for the update on Game Farm Marsh
- Director called on Cale Godfrey for a report on the Spring Turkey Harvest
- Fulfillment Farms update

Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported on the following items:

- The Chairman thanked staff for their presentations today and a job well done
- Attended the Clinch Mountain Barrier Free Trail and visited with Mr. David Coffman from staff

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at 10:00 am

Additional Business / Comments: Hearing no additional comments or business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell
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