

Draft Board Meeting Minutes
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
7870 Villa Park Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23228

August 18, 2106
9:00 am

Present: Mr. Bill Bolling, **Chairman**, Ms. Catherine Claiborne, **Vice Chairwoman**, Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. Leon Turner, Dr. Mark Winkler, Mr. H. S. Caudill, Mr. Watkins Abbitt, Ms. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. Chuck Cunningham; **Absent:** Mr. Clayton Spruill, Mr. David Bernhardt; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert W. "Bob" Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr. Tom Guess, Acting Law Chief Clark Greene, Mr. Ryan Brown, Mr. David Whitehurst, Ms. Rebecca Lane.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone and noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting. Sgt. Mike Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dr. Mark Winkler read the mission statement. The Chairman announced there would be a closed Session during the Board meeting.

Recognition of Employees and Others: The Chairman called on the Director for recognitions.

The Director recognized Ms. Rebecca Lane as the new Human Resource Director.

The Director recognized Mr. Hugh Crittenden and presented him with a plaque for his 33 years at the Outdoor Sportsman Show in honor of his retirement.

The Director recognized Deb VanDuzee, David Norris, Becky Gwynn, and Fred Leckie for their work on the Ware Creek WMA and presented them with wood carvings.

Approval of the June 16, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes of the June 16, 2016 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cunningham made a motion to approve the June 16, 2016 Board minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. Caudill. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt, Butterworth, Cunningham.

Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items): The Chairman called for Public Comments for Non-Agenda items.

- Chief Bobby Mawyer of West Point, VA spoke regarding the Boat Ramp at Glass Island
- Mr. Stephen Slyfield of Williamsburg, VA spoke regarding Duck Hunting

- Mr. William Gillette of Capron, VA spoke regarding VA Hound Heritage Fundraiser

Go Outdoors VA update:

The Chairman called on Mr. Darin Moore, Director of Planning and Finance to give an update of the new License System that started on July 1, 2016. Mr. Moore introduced Mr. John Thomas, Mr. Richard Wise, and Ms. Tiffani Santagati from the Brandt License System.

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

Committee Reports:

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee:

The Chairman called on Mr. Watkins Abbitt for a report of the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee:

Mr. Abbitt explained the 2016 Aquatic Regulation Proposals.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion for the 2016 Aquatic Regulation Proposals.

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the aquatic regulations as presented by staff, effective January 1, 2017, except for the portions of 4VAC15-320-120 and 4VAC15-330-150 that apply to changes at Big Tumbling Creek, which shall be effective January 1, 2018. Ms. Claiborne seconded the motion. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt, Butterworth, Cunningham

Mr. Abbitt explained the Amendments to Endangered Species Regulations.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion for the Amendments to Endangered Species Regulations.

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt changes as recommended by staff, effective October 1, 2016. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt, Butterworth, Cunningham

Mr. Abbitt explained the Waterfowl and Waterfowl Blind Regulations.

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

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt changes as recommended by staff, effective August 31, 2016. Mr. Boyd seconded the motion. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt, Butterworth, Cunningham

Mr. Abbitt explained the 2017-2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Proposed Regulation Cycle Timeline.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion for the 2017-2018 Terrestrial Wildlife Proposed Regulation Cycle Timeline.

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board approve the timeline as recommend by staff. Ms. Claiborne seconded the motion. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt, Butterworth, Cunningham

Mr. Abbitt called on Mr. Steve Reeser to give an update on the The Virginia Stocked Trout Plan.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion to endorse The Virginia Stocked Trout Plan.

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that he Board endorse The Virginia Stocked Trout Plan. Ms. Butterworth seconded the motion. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt. Butterworth, Cunningham

The Chairman thanked all staff for their work and presentations on the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee.

Finance, Audit, and Compliance:

The Chairman called on Mr. Darin Moore, Director of Planning and Finance to give an update and overview of the Southwick License Study.

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

Closed Session: The Chairman called for a motion to move into a Closed Meeting.

Ms. Claiborne made the motion.

*Closed Meeting Motion
August 18, 2016*

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of the

acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board, with respect to:

- (i) Real property located in Highland, James City, and Spotsylvania counties.*

Further, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.7 of the Code of Virginia for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

And finally, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries specifically regarding:

- (i) The performance of the Director.*

This closed meeting will be attended only by members of the Board. However, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(F), the Board requests counsel, the Department Director, the Deputy Director, the Legislative and Policy Manager, the Bureau Director, and the Real Property Manager to also attend this meeting, as it believes their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

It was seconded by Mr. Abbitt. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt, Butterworth, Cunningham

The Board went into a Closed Session at 12:09 pm

The Board reconvened at 1:55 pm

*Certification of Closed Meeting
August 18, 2016*

Whereas, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries conducted a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

It was seconded by Mr. Abbitt. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt, Butterworth, Cunningham.

The Board Secretary conducted the following voice roll call vote:

Mr. Caudill – Aye
Mr. Boyd – Aye
Dr. Winkler – Aye
Mr. Turner- Aye
Mr. Bolling – Aye

Ms. Claiborne - Aye
Mr. Cunningham - Aye
Ms. Butterworth – Aye
Mr. Abbitt – Aye

Motions from the Closed Session: The Chairman called on Mr. Watkins Abbitt to make two land motions from the Closed Session.

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to execute an exchange of interest in property in Highland County for other real estate interest in Highland County and such exchange shall be according to applicable state procedures. It was seconded by Dr. Winkler. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt, Butterworth, Cunningham

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to acquire approximately 2,900 + acres of land in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and such acquisition shall be according to applicable state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. Ayes: Bolling, Claiborne, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Caudill, Abbitt, Butterworth, Cunningham

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

- 25th Anniversary of Hunters for Hungry
- Virginia NASP Team won 2nd Place in the 3D NASP/IBO Outdoor World Tournament

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

- 2016-2017 Board Meeting Dates:
 - Thursday, October 20, 2016
 - Wednesday, January 11, 2017
 - Wednesday, February 22, 2017
 - Wednesday, May 24, 2017
 - Wednesday, August 23, 2017
 - Thursday, October 19, 2017
- Announced an Ad-Hoc Committee of Catherine Claiborne, Chairman with Chuck Cunningham and Watkins Abbitt
- Announced that new Board members would be appointed soon

The Chairman announced the next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 9:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 2:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Frances Boswell