

FINAL Board Meeting Minutes

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

August 23, 2017
9:00 am

Present: Ms. Catherine Claiborne, **Chairwoman**, Mr. Leon Boyd, **Vice –Chairman**, Ms. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. Clayton Spruill, Mr. Douglas Dear, Mr. H. S. Caudill, Mr. Watkins Abbitt, Mr. Ryan Brown, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. Brian Vincent; **Absent:** Mr. Brian Ball; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert W. “Bob” Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr. Jeff Trollinger, Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Lee Walker, Dr. Gray Anderson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Tom Guess, Major Scott Naff, Major Bryan Young. Ms. Kelci Block, Assisted Attorney General was in attendance.

The Chairwoman opened the meeting at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone and noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting. Board member Dr. Mamie Parker read the mission statement and CPO Josh Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. The Chairwoman announced there would be a closed session during the Board meeting. The Chairwoman recognized 3 of the 4 new Board members in attendance, Mr. Ryan Brown, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. Brian Vincent and welcomed them to the Board.

Recognition of Employees and Others: The Chairwoman called on Director Bob Duncan for recognitions.

The Director called on Major Bryan Young for recognitions. Major Young introduced The Honorable Gerald Arrington, Commonwealth Attorney, Buchanan County, Dr. David Kalb, the Bureau Elk Biologist and Sergeant Jamie Davis, Senior Officer Dan Hall, and Senior Officer James Brooks, Conservation Police Officers and Mr. John Taylor, Director of Southwest Virginia Sportsmen Association. These people were instrumental in the prosecution of an elk case in Buchanan County.

Major Scott Naff presented a plaque to Captain Chris Thomas as the new Captain of Covert Operations.

Approval of the May 24, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the May 24, 2017 Board meeting have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the May 24, 2017 Board Minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. Dear. Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent.

Committee Meeting Reports:

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee:

The Chairwoman called on Mr. Watkins Abbitt, Chairman of the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee for a report. Mr. Watkins Abbitt, announced the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee met on August 22, 2017 and called on Dr. Gray Anderson.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items: The Chairwoman called for Public comments for Non-Agenda items.

- Daniel W. Rohrig of Richmond, VA spoke regarding Watkins Waterfowl Association
- John Davy of Ruckersville, VA spoke regarding Werowocomoco/York River Duck Blinds

Dr. Gray Anderson provided informational slides and responded to Board requested comments in support of the recommendations (4 VAC 15-260-115) (Blinds adjacent to Werowocomoco and York River State Park), 4 VAC 15-70-60 (Bobcat Archery Hunting), and 4 VAC 15-90-70 (Deer Archery hunting) as needed.

Mr. Abbitt presented and discussed 4 VAC 15-260-115 (Blinds adjacent to Werowocomoco and York River State Park) and made the motion. Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board support this regulation as proposed by staff. Mr. Dear seconded the motion. Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent.

Mr. Abbitt presented and discussed 4 VAC 15-70-60 (Bobcat Archery Hunting) and made the motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board support regulation 4 VAC 15-70-60 as proposed by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Butterworth. Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent.

Mr. Abbitt presented and discussed 4 VAC 15-90-70 (Deer Archery Hunting) then made the motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board support regulation 4 VAC 15-90-70 as proposed by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Brown, Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent

Mr. Abbitt and Mr. David Whitehurst presented the Schedule of Meeting dates for 2018. The Chairwoman approved the Schedule.

Finance, Audit, & Compliance: The Chairwoman called on Mr. Leon Boyd, Chairman of the Finance, Audit, & Compliance Committee for a report. Mr. Boyd announced that the Finance, Audit, & Compliance Committee had met on August 22, 2017. Mr. Boyd called on Mr. Darin Moore.

Mr. Darin Moore presented the FY 2017 End of year Report Summary.

After questions and comments, the Chairwoman thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation.

Mr. Darin Moore presented the FY 18 Capital Budget Proposal.

After questions and comments, the Chairwoman thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation.

Mr. Boyd made a motion. Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board approve the FY 18 Request for the DGIF Capital Budget. It was seconded by Mr. Caudill. Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent.

Education, Planning, & Outreach Committee: The Chairwoman called on Mr. Clayton Spruill, Chairman of the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee for a report. Mr. Spruill announced that the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee had met on August 22, 2017. Mr. Spruill called on Mr. Lee Walker.

Mr. Walker reported on the Go Outdoors Virginia Solution system and reported on new updates in the system.

After questions and comments, the Chairwoman thanked Mr. Walker for his update.

Mr. Brian Moyer gave an update on R-3, Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation.

After questions and comments, the Chairwoman thanked Mr. Walker for his update.

Closed Session: The Chairman called on Mr. Ryan Brown for the Closed Session Motion.

Madam Chair,

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, and for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel; specifically, for consultation with counsel regarding the agency's legal authority to enter into a cooperative agreement to provide public shooting opportunities 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: the counties of Caroline, Nelson, Patrick, Rockbridge, Warren, and Westmoreland, and the City of Chesapeake.*

Secondly, 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 legal counsel, the Department Director, the Deputy Director, the Bureau Director, the Real Property Manager, and the Director of Capitol Planning and Facilities, as it believes their presence will reasonable aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

It was seconded by Mr. Dear. Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent.

The Board went into Closed Session at 11:30 am

The Board meeting reconvened at 1:30 pm

The Board Chairwoman called on Mr. Brian Vincent for the reading of the Certification.

*Certification of Closed Meeting
August 23, 2017*

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. Boyd. Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent

The Board Secretary conducted the following voice roll call vote:

Claiborne - Aye	Caudill - Aye
Spruill - Aye	Parker - Aye
Butterworth - Aye	Brown - Aye
Vincent - Aye	Dear -Aye
Boyd - Aye	Abbitt -Aye

The Chairwoman called on Mr. Dear for motions.

Motions presented from Closed Sessions:

Mr. Dear made a motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to proceed to acquire approximately 70+ acres of land in Patrick County, Virginia, and such authorization shall be

according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent

Mr. Dear made a motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to proceed to acquire approximately 22+ acres of land in Patrick County, Virginia and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Brown.

Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent

Mr. Dear made a motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to acquire approximately +82.5 acres of land in Rockbridge County, Virginia, and such acquisition shall be according to applicable state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd.

Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent

Mr. Dear made a motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to proceed to acquire approximately +260 acres of land in the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd.

Ayes: Claiborne, Boyd, Butterworth, Spruill, Dear, Caudill, Abbitt, Brown, Parker, Vincent

The Chairwoman called on the Director for his report.

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

- Thanked Kelci Block from AG Office for help during recent months with agency issues
- R 3 – Recruitment, Retention, Reactivation
- Introduced new logo/branding for the agency
- CWD Update

Chairwoman Report:

The Chairwoman asked if anyone had any comments or additional business.

Mr. David Whitehurst reminded board members of the invitation to the new Princess Ann WMA dedication on September 15, 2017.

Mr. Abbitt asked about seeking permissive legislation for an elk hunting permit and lottery.

The Chairwoman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and announced the next meeting will be Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 9:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Boswell
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