

Final Board Meeting Minutes

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

October 25, 2018
9:00 am

Present: Dr. Mamie Parker, **Vice Chairman**, Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. John Daniel, Mr. Ryan Brown, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Mrs. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. H. S. Caudill; Mrs. Catherine Claiborne, Mr. G. K. Washington, Mr. Brian Vincent, **Absent:** Mr. Douglas Dear; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert W. “ Bob” Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Tom Guess, Mr. Lee Walker, Dr. Gray Anderson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Major Scott Naff, Major Bryan Young, Mr. Darin Moore

Ms. Kelci Block, Assistant Attorney General attended the Board meeting.

The Chairwoman opened the meeting at 9:00 am. The Chairwoman welcomed the three New Board Members, Mr. John Daniel, II, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, and Mr. G. K. Washington to their first meeting and welcomed everyone else attending the Board meeting today and noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting and announced there would be a Closed Session. The Chairwoman called on New Board member Mr. G. K. Washington to read the Mission Statement and Officer Tyler Blanks to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

The Director called on Dr. Gray Anderson who introduced Mr. Al Bourgeois the 2018 Wildlife Biologist of the Year.

The Director called on Dr. Mike Bednarski who introduced Mr. Dan Wilson the 2018 Aquatic Biologist of the Year.

The Chairwoman called on Mrs. Catherine Claiborne for a recognition. Mrs. Claiborne called the Director, Mr. Bob Duncan to the podium. Mrs. Claiborne made remarks on the Director’s DGIF tenure and on behalf of The Board presented Director Bob Duncan his 40 year Service Award.

Approval of the August 22, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes of the August 22, 2018 have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Claiborne made a motion to approve the August 22, 2018 Board minutes as submitted. It was seconded by

Mr. Boyd. Ayes: Parker, Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Butterworth, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Caudill, Brown.

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

- Mr. Steve Nicely from Clifton Forge, VA spoke concerning Habitat & Bear
- Mr. Matthew Gray from Richmond, VA spoke on fox pen investigation

Committee Meeting Reports:

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee:

The Chairman called on Mr. Ryan Brown to report on the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee.

Mr. Brown reported that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee had met on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 and called on Dr. Gray Anderson to present the Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtle Regulation

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

Kurt Butler from Mechanicsville, VA spoke regarding the Turtle Harvest Regulation

Dr. Parker called for a motion, Mr. Brown made a motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board approve for Public Comment the Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtle Regulation. It was seconded by Mr. Caudill. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Butterworth, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Caudill, Parker, Brown

Mr. Brown called on Dr. Anderson to present the Wildlife Regulation Review Cycle Outline and Schedule.

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

Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee:

Dr. Parker, the Chairwoman of the Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee reported that the Finance, Audit, and Compliance committee met on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 and called on Mr. Darin Moore to report the FY 19 First Quarter Finance Report.

After discussion and comments, Dr. Parker thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation.

Dr. Parker called on Mr. Darin Moore to report on License proposal.

After discussion and comments, Dr. Parker thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation.

Dr. Parker called for a motion, Mr. Caudill made a motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board approve for Public Comment the proposed changes to DGIF's Sportsman's License Fee. (To change the Sportsman's License fee from \$133.00 (full cost of each license individually) to \$110.00 (minus the \$1.00 agent fee to \$109.00). It was seconded by Mr. Brown. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Butterworth, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Caudill, Parker, Brown

Mr. Moore presented the Lifetime License Proposal.

After discussion and comments, Dr. Parker thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation.

The Chairwoman called for a motion, Mrs. Claiborne made a motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board approve for Public Comment the proposed changes to DGIF's Lifetime License Fee for Resident and Non-Resident Licenses. (The Lifetime License Proposal to increase all Resident Lifetime (Hunting, Fishing, Trout, and Trapping) Licenses by \$5.00 each, and all Nonresident Lifetime (Hunting, Fishing, Trout, and Trapping) Licenses by \$25.00 each.) (All Disabled Lifetime License will not be raised). It was seconded by Mr. Daniel. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Butterworth, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Caudill, Parker, Brown

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

Mr. Moore presented the Boat Registration and Title Proposal.

After discussion and comments, Dr. Parker thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation.

The Chairwoman called for a motion. Mr. Daniel made a motion, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board approve for Public Comment the proposed changes to DGIF's Boat Registration and Title changes. (To increase by \$5.00 all boat registrations, duplicate registrations, changes in boat motor, and , duplicate titles, and increase by \$3.00 all titles, supplemental lien titles, and transfers.) It was seconded by Mr. Brown. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Butterworth, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Caudill, Parker, Brown

Education, Planning, and Outreach: The Chairwoman called on Mr. Brian Vincent for a report.

Mr. Vincent reported that the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee met on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. He reported that Mr. Lee Walker gave a Media Services Report and a Paddle Sports Update and Mr. Brian Moyer gave an R-3 Update – Restore the Wild and the Director reported on America's Wildlife Values Survey and announced that the Department had signed on to Co-Sponsor Fish and Wildlife Health Issues.

Closed Session:

The Chairman called on Ms. Terwilliger to read the Closed Session Motion.

Closed Meeting Motion
October 25, 2018

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, 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: Accomack, Grayson, Nelson, and Northampton Counties.

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 legal counsel, the Department Executive Director, the Real Property Managers, and the Assistant Chief of Wildlife, Wetland Project Leader, and the agency Videographer 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. Boyd. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Butterworth, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Caudill, Parker, Brown

The Board went into Closed session at 10:45 am

The Board reconvened at 1:15 pm

The Board Chairwoman called on Mrs. Claiborne to read the Certification of Closed Meeting.

*Certification of Closed Meeting
October 25, 2018*

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 provision 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 on 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. Brown. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Butterworth, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Caudill, Parker, Brown

The Board Secretary conducted the following voice roll call vote:

Mr. Caudill – Aye
Ms. Butterworth- Aye
Mr. Vincent – Aye
Mr. Brown – Aye
Dr. Parker -Aye
Mrs. Claiborne – Aye
Mr. Daniel - Aye
Mr. Washington – Aye
Ms. Terwilliger – Aye
Mr. Boyd - Aye

The Chairwoman called on Board member Ryan Brown for motions, Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to proceed to acquire by gift approximately 36.5 acres of land in Grayson County, Virginia, and such acquisition shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Vincent. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Butterworth, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Brown, Nay: Caudill

Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to proceed to declare approximately 8 acres of land in Nelson County, Virginia, surplus property, and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Butterworth, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Caudill, Parker, Brown

Director's Report: The Director reported on:

- JLARC Update
- Jordan Point Dam in Lexington, VA Agreement signed
- Called on Uwe Weindel to report on Chandler's Mill Dam, Hurricane damage At King & Queen Fish Hatchery, and update on work at Clinch Mountain Road
- Called on Becky Gwynn to report on Hampton Roads Tunnel project
- Called on Becky Gwynn to report on America's Wildlife Values Survey

Chairwoman's Report: Dr. Parker congratulated the new Board members for attending their First Board meeting and thanked other Board members for their attendance and comments and interest and thanked the staff for their presentations.

The Chairwoman asked if anyone had any announcements or comments.

- Director Bob Duncan thanked the Board again for his 40 year Service Award
- Mr. Ryan Brown requested that the Board recognized Mr. David Whitehurst at the January 24, 2019 meeting on his retirement.

The Chairwoman announced the next Board meeting will be Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 9:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Frances Boswell