

FINAL Board Minutes

Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive
Henrico, VA 23228

January 20, 2022
9:00 am

Present: Mr. Brian Vincent, **Chair,** Mr. G. K. Washington, **Vice Chair;** **Board Members:** Mr. Leon Boyd, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Dr. Mamie Parker (virtual), Mr. Frank Adams, Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes (virtual), Mr. Tom Sadler (virtual), and Mr. G. K. Washington; **Absent:** Mr. John Daniel, Mr. Rovel Brown; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Ms. Becky Gwynn, Mr. Tom Guess, Mr. Gary Martel, Dr. Gray Anderson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Darin Moore, Ms. Paige Pearson, Colonel John Cobb, Mr. George Braxton.

Kelci Block, Assistant Attorney General attended the Board meeting.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair announced Mr. Sadler, Dr. Parker, Ms. Grimes were attending virtually.

The Chair noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The Chair called on Ms. Claiborne to read the Mission Statement.

Recognitions of Employees and Others: The Chair called on Director Ryan Brown for Recognitions of Employees.

The Director called on Dr. Gray Anderson who introduced Mr. Scott Riley (virtually) as the Lands and Access Specialist of the Year.

The Director call on Dr. Mike Bednarski who introduced Mr. Scott Herrmann as the Fisheries Biologist of the Year.

Approval of the October 28, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the October 28, 2021 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sadler asked for a correction to be made to the October 28, 2021 Board minutes. Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the corrected October 28, 2021 Board minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Terwilliger.

The board secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Washington, Vincent, Terwilliger, Adams, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Claiborne, Sadler

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

The Chair called for Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

- Mr. Duncan Spencer spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. Judge Charlton spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. Howard Hager III, spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. Michael Hayes spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Ms. April Garnett spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting (virtual)
- Mr. R. T. Gardner spoke regarding Bears (virtual)
- Mr. Jeff Butts spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting (virtual)

The Chair thanked the speakers for their comments.

Committee Reports:

Law Enforcement Committee: The Chair called on Mr. Washington to give an update on the January 19, 2022 Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Mr. Washington gave an update on the January 19, 2022 Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or the Board.

The Chair thanked Mr. Washington for his Committee update.

Wildlife and Boat Committee:

The Chair called on Ms. Karen Terwilliger for an update on the January 19, 2022 Wildlife & Boat Committee meeting.

Ms. Terwilliger gave an update on the January 19, 2022 Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting.

The Chair thanked Ms. Terwilliger for her update.

The Chair called on Dr. Gary Costanzo for his presentation.

Dr. Gary Costanzo presented the Annual Proposed Waterfowl Regulations.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Costanzo for his presentation.

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Terwilliger made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources approve the 2022-2023 Migratory Game Bird Season and Bag Limit recommendations as presented by staff, to be advertised for public comments, then reconsidered by the Board at the March 2022 meetings. It was seconded by Mr. Washington. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Claiborne, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Sadler

The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Gray Anderson gave a presentation on a Regulation Amendment to Waterfowl Retriever Field Trial Dates.

- Phyllis Giroux spoke regarding the Retriever Amendment
- Stephen Bireley spoke regarding the Retriever Amendment
- Richard Hoggard spoke regarding the Retriever Amendment

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Terwilliger made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Board approve the amendment to the “Field Trials: Authorized Dates” regulation as presented by staff to go out for public comment. It was seconded by Mr. Washington. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Claiborne, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Sadler

The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a Presentation.

Dr. Gray Anderson gave a presentation on the 2022 DWR Proposed Property Names and Designations.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Claiborne made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the proposed property name and designation changes as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Washington. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Claiborne, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Sadler.

Elk Lottery:

The Chair called on Mr. Cale Godfrey (virtual) to give a presentation.

Mr. Cale Godfrey gave a presentation on the Elk Lottery.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Godfrey for his presentation.

Overview of New Boating Division: The Chair called on Mr. Tom Guess for an overview.

Mr. Tom Guess thanked the board for voting to create a Boating Division and giving him this opportunity and gave an overview and update of the newly formed Boat Division and his vision of things to come.

After comments and questions, the Chair congratulated Mr. Guess as the new Director of the Boating Division and thanked him for his overview.

Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Report:

The Chair called on Mr. G. K. Washington to give an update on the January 19, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Mr. Washington gave an update on the January 19, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

The Chair called on Mr. Darin Moore for an overview of the Second Quarter/Mid-Year Finance Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Mr. Darin Moore introduced the new Budget Analyst Bernita Randolph to Finance and Planning.

Mr. Moore gave an overview of the Second Quarter/Mid –Year Finance Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or the Board.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Moore for his updates and presentations.

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee Report:

The Chair called on Mr. Sadler for comments on the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee.

Mr. Sadler commented the Education, Planning, & Outreach Division is continuing with the Relevancy roadmap relationship with Outdoor groups and doing very well.

The new Outreach Director will be on board very soon.

The Chair thanked Mr. Sadler for his comments on the EPO committee.

Director's Report: The Board Chair called on Executive Director Ryan Brown for his report.

Mr. Brown Reported:

- General Assembly Updates with a full slate of bills to work on
- Budget Updates
- New Governor has been inaugurated

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked all presenters and staff for their work. The Chair remarked how excited the Elk Lottery will be as it comes together and commented on all the Law staff he noticed at the inauguration working and volunteering and how nice it looked for the Department..

The Next Regular Board Meeting Date:

The Chair announced that the next meeting date would be Thursday, March 24, 2022.

Closed Session
January 20, 2022

The Board went into Closed Session at 11:30 am.

The Chair called on Mr. Boyd to read the Closed Session Motion.

It was second by Mr. Washington. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Claiborne, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Sadler

Mr. Chair,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting 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 Wildlife Resources 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 the Department Executive Director as it believes his presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

The board reconvened from the Closed Session at 12:40 pm.

The Chairman called on Ms. Terwilliger to read the Certification of Closed Meeting.

*Certification of Closed Meeting
January 20, 2022*

WHEREAS, the Board of Wildlife Resources conducted a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom 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 Wildlife Resources 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. Washington.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, and Sadler

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board.

Board Member Frank Adams remarked how nice it was to see DWR staff and Law staff at the General Assembly and at the Inauguration.

The Chair announced the next Board meeting will be Thursday, March 24, 2022 and thanked the Executive Director and staff for making today's meeting informative and interesting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boswell

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