

Draft Meeting Minutes

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee  
Board of Wildlife Resources  
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room  
Henrico, VA 23228

January 21, 2026

2:30 pm

OR

Following adjournment of the Law Enforcement Committee

**Present:** Ms. Laura Walters, **Chair**, Mr. Parker Slaybaugh, Mr. Woody Woodall, Ms. Marlee Dance, Mr. Lynwood Broaddus; **Board members present:** Mr. Jon Cooper, Mr. George Terwilliger, Mr. James Edmunds, Mr. James Macklin, Mr. Will Wampler, Mr. Michael Formica; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Ms. Stacey Brown, Mr. George Braxton, Ms. Shelby Crouch, Mr. Michael Lipford, Mr. Bob Smet, Mr. Paul Kugelman, Dr. Michael Bednarski

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that there was a quorum present for the meeting.

**Approval of the October 22, 2025, Meeting Minutes:** The Chair called for a motion to approve the October 22, 2025, Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Slaybaugh made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 22, 2025, committee meetings. It was seconded by Ms. Dance. Ayes: Walters, Slaybaugh, Woodall, Dance, Broaddus

**Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item:** The Chair called for Public Comments on Non –Agenda Items.

- Mr. Raymond Carter spoke concerning Hound Hunting (person)
- Mr. Judge Charleton spoke concerning Hound Hunting (virtual)

**Governance Manual, Code of Ethics and Conduct, and Committee Charter Reviews:** The Chair called on Mr. Aaron Proctor for a Review Update.

Mr. Aaron Proctor gave a Review of the Governance Manual, Code of Ethics and Conduct, and Committee Charters for a 3-year Update.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Proctor for his Review Updates.

The Chair called for a motion, Mr. Broaddus, made a motion, I move that the Education, Planning, and Finance Committee approve staff recommendations for the Governance Manual, Code of Ethics, and Conduct and the five Committee Charter Reviews. It was seconded by Mr. Wampler and Mr. Slaybaugh. Ayes: Walters, Slaybaugh, Woodall, Dance, Broaddus

**DCR/DWR Cooperative Effort to control deer populations on natural heritage sites:** The Chair called on Mr. Michael Lipford, Mr. Max Goldman and Mr. David Hennaman for a presentation.

Mr. Lipford, Mr. Goldman, and Mr. Hennaman gave a presentation on DCR and DWR Cooperative Effort to control deer populations on natural heritage sites.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Lipford, Mr. Goldman, and Mr. Hennaman for their presentation...

**Explore the Wild 2.0:** The Chair called on Mr. David Murr and Mr. Max Goldman for a presentation.

Mr. Murr and Mr. Goldman gave a presentation on **Explore the Wild 2.0** that is a Robust GIS-based Property Database (Access Portal). This portal is to provide for a single online destination to search for activity-specific recreation location by location, for DWR's primary public access and outdoor recreation.

**Outreach Division Update:** The Chair called on Mr. Bob Smet for an Outreach Division Update.

Mr. Smet reported the events that Outreach Division have organized and participated in:

- Archery Open 2026-Youth and Adult with 150 competitors and over 1,000 in attendance  
Thanked all Staff that helped put this amazing event on
- Restore the Wild – March 6, 2026, at Main Street Station
- VA Elk Hunt Lottery – Goes Live February 1, 2026
- DWR's 2025 Annual Report is available
- 2026 Wildlife Calendar is available
- E-Store open for business – new hats, T-shirts, sweat-shirts
- NEW Elk handle knife available February 1, 2026

The Chair thanked Mr. Smet for his Division update.

**Director's Report:** The Chair called on Mr. Ryan Brown for his Director's Report.

- Thanks to David Murr for his work on the web site and on Explore the Wild web site and his great work with the Department.
- Commended David Moore for Coordinating and scheduling all the meetings with landowners, hunters, local Sheriff's, Commonwealth Attorney's, and local authorities to work on bringing everyone together for a common cause...

The Chair thanked Mr. Brown for his report.

**Chair's Report:** The Chair asked for the EPO Committee help and support and ideas in letting folks know about any local events, social media, and ask that they get to know their local CPO and DWR staff in your area.

**Additional Business/Comments:**

The Chair asked if there was any further business or comments, hearing none, she announced the next EPO meeting would Wednesday, March 18, 2026, and adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Frances Boswell