

AGENDA

Board of Wildlife Resources
Law Enforcement Committee
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
Henrico, Virginia 23228

January 22, 2025
2:00 pm

Committee Members: Mr. Michael Formica, Chair, Mr. George Terwilliger, and Mr. Jon Cooper

DWR Staff Liaison: Colonel John Cobb

1. Call to Order and Welcome
Mr. Formica
2. Approval of August 21, 2024 and October 23, 2024, Meeting Minutes **Final Action**
Mr. Formica
3. Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item
Mr. Formica
4. NASBLA Port Security Grant Training
Lt. Travis Murray
5. CPO Recruitment and Selection Update
Major Milt Robinson
6. Law Enforcement Chief Update
Colonel John Cobb
7. Director’s Report
Mr. Ryan Brown
8. Chair’s Report
Mr. Formica

9. Additional Business/Comments
Mr. Formica

11. Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Mr. Formica

12. Adjournment
Mr. Formica

Draft Meeting Minutes
Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
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August 21, 2024
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Michael Formica, **Chair**, Mr. Jon Cooper, and Mr. George Terwilliger; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. James Edmunds, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Brian Vincent, Mr. Will Wampler, Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Dr. Mamie Parker; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Bob Smet, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Paul Kugelman, Colonel John Cobb, Ms. Stacey Brown, Mr. Michael Lipford, Ms. Shelby Crouch

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that there was a quorum present for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2024, committee meeting. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2024, meeting minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Terwilliger. Ayes: Daniel, Cooper, and Terwilliger

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item.

- Mr. Rich Goszka spoke regarding the PBA

The Chair thanked our speaker for his comments.

Update on Law Enforcement Training for Hound Hunting: The Chair called on Major Ryan Shuler for an Update.

Major Ryan Shuler gave a Law Enforcement Hound Hunting Training Update explaining the Law Enforcement's implementation of the Training for Hound Hunting.

Public Speakers:

- Amanda Savignano spoke regarding Dog Hunting
- Raymond Carter spoke regarding Dog Hunting
- Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding Dog Hunting
- Judge Charlton spoke regarding Dog Hunting

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Major Shuler for his Update and our speakers for their comments.

Hollywood Buck Presentation Case: The Chair called on Sergeant Tyler Bumgarner and Senior Special Agent Zach Howlett for a presentation.

Sergeant Tyler Bumgarner and Senior Special Agent Zach Howlett provided a summary of the Hollywood Buck investigation and the arrest they made; the investigations involved multiple Conservation Police office leading to the investigation after community concerns. They presented the History, Timeline and Tactics that were used for this case from beginning to end.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Sergeant Bumgarner and Senior Special Agent Howlett for their presentation.

Law Enforcement Chief Update: The Chair called on Colonel Cobb for an update.

Colonel Cobb reported:

- 13th Academy Graduation will be on August 29, 2024
- 14th Academy with 20 positions begin in March 2025
- The Elk Challenge Coin
- CPOs attended 476 events
- Law Enforcement will host NEAFWA in Fall
- The Law Enforcement Annual report is available.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for his update.

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

In the essence of time, the Director did not give a report.

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked Law Enforcement staff for their presentations and always is appreciative of hearing the great work from law staff.

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 23, 2024, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell

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October 23, 2024
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Jon Cooper, **Chair**, (Mr. Cooper chaired the meeting for Mr. Formica); **Absent:** Mr. Terwilliger and Mr. Formica; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. James Edmunds, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Brian Vincent, Mr. John Daniel, Mr. Will Wampler, Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Dr. Mamie Parker; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. George Braxton, Colonel John Cobb, Ms. Stacey Brown, Mr. Michael Lipford, Ms. Shelby Crouch

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that there was “not” a quorum present for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024, committee meeting. Mr. Cooper announced that for lack of a quorum the minutes will not be approved.

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item.

- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding CPO presence in high compliant counties
- Ms. Amanda Savignano spoke regarding POST documents
- Mr. Rich Gozka spoke regarding Law enforcement in general
- Mr. Raymond Carter spoke regarding Landowner Representation, Equal Enforcement of Game Law, Permission to Hunt
- Todd Grubbs spoke regarding Hound trespass

The Chair thanked our speakers for their comments.

P.O.S.T. Plan Presentation: The Chair called on Major Ryan Shuler and First Sergeant Tim Dooley for a presentation.

Major Shuler and First Sergeant Tim Dooley gave a presentation on P.O.S.T. Plan, that Law Enforcement has implemented that aligns with their strategic priorities. This plan has been in development for well over two years. The purpose of the plan was to operationalize command intent by providing clear guidance and expectations on how best to focus our enforcement efforts.

Law Enforcement Chief Update: The Chair called on Colonel Cobb for an update.

Colonel Cobb reported:

- Recruitment process is closed, received 676 applicants to test, will be offering interviews to 130 candidates
- CPOs attended 550 events, in contact with 39,000 people
- Hurricane Helene- 27 CPOs went to Florida to help
- Colonel John Cobb will be the President of The National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs (NACLEC)

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for his update.

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

The Director reported:

- Commented about Law Officer's and their importance is to the agency. In addition to the quality of staff and quality of work output that all the staff handles is tremendous and is noticed by outside groups and citizens around the state.

Chair's Report:

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