

Draft Meeting Minutes

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

March 18, 2026

2:30 pm

OR

Following adjournment of the Law Enforcement Committee

Present: Ms. Laura Walters, **Chair**, Mr. Woody Woodall, Ms. Marlee Dance, Mr. Lynwood Broaddus; **Board members present:** Mr. Jon Cooper, Mr. George Terwilliger, Mr. James Edmunds, 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. Paul Kugelman, Dr. Michael Bednarski

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 2:40 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 January 21, 2026, Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the January 21, 2026, Committee meeting minutes. Ms. Dance made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2026, committee meetings. It was seconded by Mr. Broaddus. Ayes: Walters, Woodall, Dance, Broaddus

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

- Mr. Raymond Carter spoke concerning Outreach and Surveys for stakeholders

2026 Restore the Wild Art Contest: The Chair called on Ms. Kelsey Steenburgh for a presentation.

Ms. Steenburgh gave an update on the 2026 Restore the Wild Art gallery show held at Main Street Station on March 6, 2026. There were 400+ guest were in attendance and there was 254 total Art pieces presented. Over \$4,000.00 was raised through the Raffle and Silent Auction and pieces of art that were sold.

Overview of Hunter Education Program: The Chair called on Mr. Jimmy Mootz for an update.

Mr. Mootz gave an overview of the Hunter Education Program and how many students had taken classes in Hunter Education in 2025, training over 8,500 students and our volunteers hours were 15,731 hours representing \$425,000 in grant funds. Our program “The Outdoors are Better Together” has taken off and are having amazing program and participation.

Outreach Division Update: The Chair called on Mr. Brian Moyer for an Outreach Division Update.

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

- Thanked the Restore the Wild Competition Committee for an awesome job.
- Thanked Hunter Education for their new philosophy and bringing all the growth to educate the public
- Virginia Nasp State Tournament, great job done by Ben Fairbanks, partnering with Bow hunters and DWR staff, put on a terrific Archery Tournament
- Virginia Wildlife Grant Program will be supporting 16 groups, 6,000 Adults partnering with Wildlife Foundation of Virginia
- Elk Hunt lottery
- 3rd Virginia Birding Classic coming up soon
- Banding of Baby Falcon Chicks
- Partnering with Nascar driver Chase Bristow to promote fishing

The Chair thanked Mr. Moyer for his Division update.

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

- Excited to see and hear about all the spectacle events that staff have been working on and thanked all of them for their work involved.

The Chair thanked Mr. Brown for his report.

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

Additional Business/Comments:

The Chair asked if there were any further business or comments, hearing none, she announced the next EPO meeting would be Wednesday, May 20, 2026, and adjourned the meeting at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell