

Final Board Minutes

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

March 24, 2022
9:00 am

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

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. Adams and Ms. Grimes were attending virtually.

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

The Chair called on Mr. Sadler to read the Mission Statement.

The Chair called on the Board Secretary for a roll call vote for attendance.

Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Sadler

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

The Director introduced and welcomed the Senior Advisor to the Governor, Mr. Andrew Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources Mr. Cory Scott to our Board meeting today.

The Director called on Dr. Gray Anderson who introduced Ms. Jennifer Allen as the new Assistant Chief of the Wildlife Division.

Dr. Gray Anderson presented Dr. Gary Costanzo the Mosby Award that was given to Dr. Costanzo by The Wildlife Society.

The Director called on Mr. Brian Moyer for an introduction and presentation. Mr. Moyer explained what the Restore the Wild Artwork was and then announced the winners.

Fine Art winner was Virginia Cannie

Youth winner was Ava Chiu

What Restore the Wild means to me winner was Al Bryan

Honorable mention winner was Jennifer Wood

The Director called on Mr. Gary Martel who introduced Mr. Bob Smet, the new Outreach Director.

The Director mentioned that the Department had won the Partners in Flight Award that was received from the Eastern Shore Land Acquisition that will be celebrated at the May meeting.

Approval of the January 20, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the January 20, 2022 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sadler made a motion to approve January 20, 2022 Board meeting minutes. It was seconded by Mr. G. K. Washington.

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

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

The Chair called for Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

- Mr. Christopher Patton spoke regarding VA Property Right Alliance
- Mr. Judge Charlton spoke regarding VA Property Rights Alliance
- Mr. Eric Fagerholm spoke regarding Hunting Contests (virtual)
- Ms. Copeland Casati spoke regarding Landowners (virtual)
- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding VA Property Right Alliance (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 March 23, 2022 Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Mr. Washington gave an update on the March 23, 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 March 23, 2022 Wildlife & Boat Committee meeting.

Ms. Terwilliger gave an update on the March 23, 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 Migratory Game Bird Seasons and Bag Limits Proposal.

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

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the 2022-2023 Migratory Game Bird Season and Bag Limit recommendations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Claiborne. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Claiborne, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Daniel, 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

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

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the amendment to the “Waterfowl Field Trials: Authorized Dates” regulation as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Claiborne, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Daniel, Sadler

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

Dr. Gray Anderson gave a presentation on the 2022 DWR Proposed Property Name Change on WMA.

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

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

CWD Update and Proposed Regulations: The Chair called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for a presentation.

Mr. Godfrey presented the CWD Update and Proposed Regulations. After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Godfrey for his presentation.

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Claiborne made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources propose the amendments to the chronic wasting disease regulations for Disease Managements Areas 2 and 3 as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler. The board secretary took a roll call vote. Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Sadler

Aquatic and Boating Scoping Reporting Period Summary: The Chair called on Dr. Bednarski for a summary.

Dr. Bednarski gave an Aquatic and Boating Scoping Reporting Period Summary.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Dr. Bednarski for his summary.

Boating Regulations: The Chair called on Mr. Tom Guess for an update.

Mr. Tom Guess gave updates on Current Boating regulations and Boating regulation issues that are being worked on.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Guess for his update on Boating.

The Chairman called for a Closed Session at 12 noon.

Closed Motion

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The Board went into Closed Session at 12 noon.

The Chair called on Ms. Claiborne to read the Closed Session Motion.

It was seconded by Mr. Washington

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

Mr. Chairman,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting:

First, pursuant 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: King and Queen County

Secondly, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.7 of the Code of Virginia, for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body.

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 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 legal counsel, the

Department Director, the Deputy Director, the Legal Compliance Officer, and the Real Property Manager to also attend this meeting, as it believes their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

Mr. Adams signed off virtually at 12:50 pm.

Ms. Grimes signed off virtually at 12:50 pm.

The Board reconvened from the Closed Session at 1:50 pm.

The Chair called on Mr. Sadler to read the Certification of Closed Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Washington.

*Certification of Closed Meeting
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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

The board secretary took a roll call vote: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Vincent, Washington Boyd, Sadler

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Claiborne made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Board authorize the Director to acquire by conservation easement approximately 94.97 acres of land in King & Queen County, Virginia, and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler.

Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Sadler

Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Report:

The Chair called on Mr. G. K. Washington to give an update on the March 23, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Mr. Washington gave an update on the March 23, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

The Chair called on Mr. Darin Moore for Financial Highlights/Biennial Budget Update.

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 to give an update on the March 23, 2022 Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee.

Mr. Sadler gave an update on the March 23, 2022 Education, Planning, & Outreach Committee Meeting.

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

The Chair called on Mr. Tim Tassitano for a presentation.

Mr. Tassitano gave a presentation on The Elk Hunt Lottery.

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

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

Mr. Brown Reported:

- Heritage Day is April 2, 2022
- Youth Turkey is April 2-3, 2022
- One Shot Turkey is on April 23, 2022
- Free Fishing Weekend is June 3-5, 2022
- Legislative Update

Selections for members for Nominating Committees:

The Chair selected the Nominations Committee for the 2022-2023 Board Chair and Vice Chair.

- John Daniel, Chair
- Mamie Parker
- Leon Boyd

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked all presenters and staff and thanked them for all of the good work they do. The Chair remarked how excited the Elk Lottery will be as it comes together and commented he was looking forward to the Recruits graduation on April 8, 2022.

The Chair asked if there were any other comments or questions, hearing none, he announced that the next meeting date would be Thursday, May 19, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boswell

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