

CORRECTED - Final Board Minutes

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

May 19, 2022
9:00 am

Present: Mr. Brian Vincent, **Chair,** Mr. G. K. Washington, **Vice Chair;** **Board Members:** Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. John Daniel, Dr. Mamie Parker; Mr. Frank Adams, Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes, Mr. Tom Sadler, and Mr. Michael Formica; **Absent:** Ms. Karen Terwilliger and Ms. Catherine Claiborne; **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, Ms. Rebecca Lane

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, Ms. Grimes, Mr. Sadler, and Mr. Formica were attending virtually.

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

The Chair called on Dr. Mamie Parker to read the Mission Statement.

The Chair called on the Board Secretary for a roll call vote for attendance.
Ayes: Daniel, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Sadler, Parker

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

The Director called on Colonel John Cobb who introduced the CPO of the Year, Officer First Class Tim Bostic.

Colonel Cobb also recognized Mr. Tye Mitchell with the Lifesaving award.

The Director called on Ms. Becky Gwynn who recognized Ms. Deb Vanduzee who is retiring June 30, 2022 as the Property Manager for the agency.

Ms. Gwynn also, called to the podium Mr. David Norris & Ms. Lenee Pennington for an award the agency received called Partners in Flight Award.

Approval of the March 24, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the March 24, 2022 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the March 24, 2022 Board meeting minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Daniel.

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

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

The Chair called for Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

- Mr. Mike Hinton spoke regarding Lake Monticello Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad/Water Rescue Team and Dive Team
- Mr. Steve Nicely spoke regarding Bear mange and Bear mange mitigation
- Mr. Judge Charlton spoke regarding Virginia Property Rights Alliance
- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding VA Property Rights Alliance (virtual)
- Mr. Mike Hicks spoke regarding VA Property Rights Alliance (virtual)
- Mr. Chris Patton spoke regarding VA Property Rights Alliance (virtual)
- Mr. Philippa DeRamus spoke regarding VA Property Rights Alliance (virtual)
- Mr. John Keppeler spoke regarding VA Property Rights Alliance (virtual)

The Chair thanked the speakers for their comments.

Committee Reports:

Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Report:

The Chair called on Mr. G. K. Washington to give an update on the May 18, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Mr. Washington gave an update on the May 18, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

The Chair called on Mr. Darin Moore and Mr. John Kirk for the FY23 Operating and Capital Budget Proposal.

Mr. Moore presented the FY23 Operating Budget Proposal and Mr. John Kirk presented the Capital Budget Proposal.

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 and Mr. Kirk for their proposals and presentations.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Washington made a motion, Mr. Chair, I make a motion for adoption of the FY23 Operating Budget and Capital Budget, as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Daniel. The board secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Daniel, Washington, Vincent, Adams, Boyd, Parker, Sadler, Grimes

Law Enforcement Committee: The Chair called on Mr. Washington to give an update on the May 18, 2022 Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Mr. Washington gave an update on the May 18, 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 Mr. Leon Boyd for an update on the May 18, 2022 Wildlife & Boat Committee meeting.

Mr. Boyd gave an update on the May 18, 2022 Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting.

The Chair thanked Mr. Boyd for his update.

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. Dr. Mamie Parker made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the amendments to the chronic wasting disease regulations for Disease Management Areas 2 and 3 as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd.

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

Aquatic Wildlife Regulations Staff Proposals: The Chair called on Dr. Bednarski for a summary.

Dr. Bednarski gave the Aquatic Wildlife Regulations Staff Proposals.

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

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources put forward the staff's regulatory recommendations for a 45-day public comment period. It was seconded by Mr. Washington.

The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Daniel, Washington, Vincent, Adams, Boyd, Formica, Parker, Sadler, Grimes

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

Mr. Tom Guess gave an update on Boating regulations Staff proposals.

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

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the boating Regulations presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Washington.

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee Report: Mr. Vincent chaired the meeting.

Mr. Vincent gave an update of the EPO Committee meeting on May 18, 2022.

The Chair called on Ms. Rebecca Lane and Mr. Tom Wilcox for a presentation on the Intern Program.

After questions and comments, The Chair thanked Ms. Lane and Mr. Wilcox for their presentations. Dr. Parker commented how very pleased and great it was to see our internship program up and running. Very impressive receiving applications from 43 colleges to find applicants and how the data shows that Interns are likely to end up in the organization where they interned which is the whole goal. Very happy to see the great gender diversity this year and will be excited and hope we can continue programs like this in the future where we will see and have more black & brown people that will bring more reflections on the population in the

Commonwealth of Virginia. This is a great start and I am excited about what we are doing and plan to do in the future.

The Chair called on Ms. Jessica Ruthenberg for an update on the Wildlife Viewing Plan.

Ms. Ruthenberg gave a One Year update on the Wildlife Viewing Plan and its progress.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Ruthenberg for her update.

The Chairman called for a Closed Session at 12:35 pm.

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

It was seconded by Mr. Washington.

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

Closed Meeting Motion

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Mr. Chairman,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting:

First, 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 secondly, 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, and the Legal Compliance Officer 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.

The Board reconvened from the Closed Session at 2:20 pm.

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

*Certification of Closed Meeting
May 19, 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

The board secretary took a roll call vote: Daniel, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Formica, Parker, Sadler, Grimes

Nominations Committee Report:

The Chair called on Mr. John Daniel for a report.

Mr. Daniel gave his report that the Nominations Committee consisting of Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. Leon Boyd and himself met on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

The committee recommended Mr. G. K. Washington for Chairman and Mr. Tom Sadler for Vice Chairman.

Mr. Daniel made a motion to elect Mr. G. K. Washington for Chair and Mr. Tom Sadler for Vice Chair for FY 2022-2023 beginning July 1, 2022. It was seconded by Dr. Parker and Mr. Boyd. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Daniel, Adams, Vincent, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Formica.

Dr. Mamie Parker thanked Mr. Brian Vincent for his leadership as Chairman for the past year and leading us through good and trying times, his passion for the agency, his encouraging words, We salute you!

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

Mr. Brown Reported:

- RAWA money is being followed and watched, it has passed the house and in Senate committee at this time
- HRBT birds are back and doing well and the barges are in place
- Mr. Vincent and the Director will be attending a Director and Board Chair meeting in TN in June 2022
- Commented on seeing fisherman at Bryan Park which are fish LocalVA ponds and enjoyed watching how much they were enjoying fishing and it is all because of this agency and the work it does

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked all presenters and staff for all of the good work they do. The Chair remarked how the recent CPO Graduation and the Employee recognitions for today's meeting reminded him of what this agency is all about, employees have a desire to make outdoor recreation workable and fun.

Mr. Washington commented that he is humbled and honored to be on this board and work with this great agency and appreciates being asked to be Chairman.

The Chair asked if there were any other comments or questions, hearing none, he announced that the next meeting date would be Thursday, August 18, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boswell

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