

Teleconference/Virtual

FINAL Meeting Minutes

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

May 26, 2021
1:00 pm

Present: Ms. Karen Terwilliger, **Chair**, Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes; Catherine Claiborne; **Absent:** Mr. G. W. Washington; **Board members present:** Mr. John Daniel, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. Tom Sadler, Mr. Leon Boyd; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Gary Martel, Ms. Becky Gwynn, Ms. Paige Pearson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Tom Guess, Mr. Darin Moore, Colonel John Cobb, Mr. Paul Kugelman, Mr. Brian Moyer

Dr. Ashley Dayer and Dr. Jessica Barnes joined us Virtually from Virginia Tech and presented the VA Wildlife Viewing Plan.

The Committee Chair called the Virtual meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting.

The Chair read the meeting procedure order for the meeting.

This meeting is proceeding under Item 4-0.01, subsection G of the Appropriation Act and section 2.2-3708.2 of the code of Virginia. It is being held by electronic communication, as the COVID-19 virus has made a physical meeting of the Committee impracticable. This emergency imposed by COVID-19 is observed by Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Virginia. The committee's actions today shall be solely limited to those matters included on the agenda; all of these proposed actions are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and discharge lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities of the Committee.

The board secretary took a roll call vote for attendance of Board members attending the meeting. Karen Terwilliger, Tammy Jo Grimes, Catherine Claiborne, John Daniel, Mamie Parker, Tom Sadler, Leon Boyd

Approval of the March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 Committee meeting. Ms. Grimes made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes and Ms. Claiborne seconded the motion.

The board secretary took a roll call vote: Ayes: Terwilliger, Grimes and Claiborne

Public Comment – Non Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comments on Non –Agenda Items, hearing None, the Chair continued on with the meeting.

VA Wildlife Viewing Plan: The Chair called on Mr. Brian Moyer.

Mr. Moyer introduced Dr. Ashley Dayer and Dr. Jessica Barnes from Virginia Tech who presented the VA Wildlife Viewing Plan.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Dr. Dayer and Dr. Barnes and Mr. Moyer for their Presentation.

The Chair called for a motion. Catherine Claiborne made a motion, Madame Chair I move that the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources to adopt the VA Wildlife Viewing Plan as presented by staff and Virginia Tech. It was seconded by Tammy Jo Grimes.

The board secretary took a roll call vote. Claiborne, Grimes, Terwilliger

Diversity and Inclusion Update: The Chair called on Mr. George Braxton for an Update.

Mr. Braxton gave an update on the Inclusive Excellence Plan.

After discussion and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Braxton for his update

High Level Boating Program and National Safe Boating Week: The Chair called on Mr. Tom Guess.

Mr. Guess gave a presentation on the High Level Boating Program and Safe Boating week.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Mr. Guess for his presentation.

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

The Director reported:

- Thanked all presenters for today EPO Committee meeting
- Summary of DWR Grants e-store
- Run for the Wild dates

Chair’s Report: The Chair thanked staff and Dr. Dayer and Dr. Barnes from Virginia Tech for presenting the VA Wildlife Plan and Mr. Braxton for his Inclusive Excellence Plan and Tom Guess for his High Level Boating Program and Safe Boating week update.

The Chair asked if anyone had any further questions or comments and hearing none, she adjourned the meeting at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances Boswell
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