

Teleconference/Video Board Meeting

DRAFT Board Minutes

Special Called Board Meeting on Hunting with Dogs
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive
Henrico, VA 23228

June 28, 2021

8:30 am

Present: Mr. John Daniel, II, **Chair,** Mr. Brian Vincent, **Vice Chair;** **Board Members:** Ms. Catherine Claiborne, Mr. Leon Boyd, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. Frank Adams, Mr. G. K. Washington, Mr. Rovelle Brown, Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes, Mr. Tom Sadler; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Gary Martel, Ms. Becky Gwynn, Dr. Gray Anderson, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Darin Moore, Ms. Paige Pearson, Ms. Rebecca Lane.

Kelci Block, Assistant Attorney General attended the Board meeting by Teleconference.

The Chair opened the meeting at 8:30 am. The Chair welcomed everyone attending the virtual meeting and thanked everyone for being able to attend by teleconference; The Chair noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The Chair, Mr. John Daniel announced that 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 Board impracticable. This emergency imposed by COVID-19 is observed by Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Virginia. The Board'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 Board. There will be no public comment on non-agenda item.

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

The Board Secretary took a roll call vote for Attendance: Ayes: Daniel, Vincent, Claiborne, Terwilliger, Adams, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Brown and Sadler.

The Chair called on Executive Director Ryan Brown who gave information pertaining to the special meeting and presented the Resolution that came before the Board for consideration. Director Brown explained that under the Board's Governance manual, special meetings may only

be held for defined purposes. In this case, consideration of the four topics addressed in the draft Board Resolution. Executive Director Brown called on Mr. Cale Godfrey to give an overview of the written public comments received in advance of the Board meeting

Chair Daniel thanked Executive Director Ryan Brown and Mr. Godfrey for their presentations.

Chair Daniel asked if there were any questions from the Board for Director Brown or Mr. Godfrey.

Chair Daniel called on the speakers for The Old Dominion Property Owners Association for their ½ hour presentation.

Mr. Eric Gregory spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Mr. Judge Abram Charlton spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Mr. Jim Madeiros spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Mr. Eric Gregory spoke regarding hunting with dogs

Chair Daniel asked if there were questions from the Board members.

Chair Daniel called on the speakers for The VA Hunting Dog Alliance for their ½ hour presentation.

Mr. Kirby Burch spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Mr. John Morse spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Mr. Chuck Ellsworth spoke regarding hunting with dogs

Chair Daniel asked if there were questions from the Board members.

Chair Daniel thanked the both groups and their speakers for their presentations

Chair Daniel called for a break at 9:50 am
Chair Daniel reconvened the meeting at 10:05 am

Tammy Jo Grimes arrived on line at 10:35 am

Chair Daniel called on speakers who had signed up on the web site asking to speak. They were:

Katie Abercrombie spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Ronald Wood spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Jason Mull spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Terry Colley spoke regarding hunting with dogs
William Gillette spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Robert Williamson spoke regarding hunting with dogs

Timothy Ashlin spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Christopher Patton spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Eric Fagerholm spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Steven Nicely spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Cliff Preddy spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Stefanie Taillon spoke regarding hunting with dogs
Todd Miller spoke regarding hunting with dogs

At the conclusion of public comments, Chair Daniel thanked the public commenters and called for Board questions and discussion. At the completion of questions and discussion from the Board Members, the Members went into Closed Session.

The Chair called on Ms. Terwilliger to read the Close Meeting Motion. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion.

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

The members went into Close Session at 10:50 am

Closed Meeting Motion

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Mr. Chair,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.(A)(8) of the Code of Virginia for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

This closed meeting will be attended only by members of the Board. However, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(F), the Board requests the Department Executive Director, the Deputy Director, and the Assistant Director of the Wildlife Division and the Legal Compliance Officer as it believes their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

The board meeting reconvened at 11:15 am.

The Chair called on Mr. Ryan Brown, Executive Director to read the Certification of Closed Meeting.

*Certification of Closed Meeting
June 28, 2021*

*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 Chair called for a motion. Mr. Brian Vincent made a motion. Mr. Frank Adams seconded the motion.

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

Chair Daniel made a motion. Mr. Daniel moved to amend the Resolution to Defer Action on Item Number 1 of the Resolution and only vote on Items Number 2, 3 and 4 which would become Items Number 1, 2 and 3 on the Resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler.

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

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 11:32 am

Respectfully submitted,

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