

Draft Board Minutes

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

August 17, 2023  
9:00 am

**Present:** Mr. Tom Sadler, **Chair**, Mr. Jon Cooper, **Vice Chair**; **Board Members:** Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. John Daniel, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. George Terwilliger, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Brian Vincent and Mr. Michael Formica (Virtual); **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Bob Smet, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Tom Guess, Colonel John Cobb, Mr. Stock Watson, Mr. Rob Lewis, Ms. Paige Pearson, Mr. Paul Kugelman, Ms. Rebecca Lane(virtual)

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The Chair welcomed new Board Member Mr. Woody Woodall to the Board.

Ms. Kelci Block, Assistant Attorney General attended the Board meeting.

The Chair called on Mr. Leon Boyd to read the Mission Statement.

The Board Secretary had a Roll Call Vote for attendance: Present: Leon Boyd, Tom Sadler, Jon Cooper, John Daniel, Woody Woodall, Mamie Parker, Michael Formica (Virtual), George Terwilliger

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

The Director called to the podium, Mr. G. K. Washington, our outgoing Chair of the Board, and outgoing Board member to receive his chairman's plaque and Board Member plaque. The Director thanked G. K. for his 4 years of service and work on the Board.

The Director called on Colonel John Cobb for recognition of OFC Tyler Routon as the Boating Officer for this year.

The Director called on Mr. Cale Godfrey who introduced Mr. Justin Folks as the new Deer Biologist.

A film produced by the RMEF called Going Full Circle in Virginia was shown.

**Approval of the May 25, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the May 25, 2023, Board meeting minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the May 25, 2023, Board meeting minutes. It was seconded by Dr. Mamie Parker.

The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Daniel, Woodall, Cooper, Boyd, Sadler, Parker, Terwilliger

Mr. Vincent arrived at 9:45 am

**Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:**

The Chair called for Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

- Mr. Linwood Broaddus spoke regarding deer population (in person)
- Mr. Sean Clarkson spoke regarding Black Bear Management Plan (in person)
- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding bear action plan (virtual)
- Mr. Steven Nicely spoke regarding Mange (virtual)

**Establishing the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to Facilitate Collaborative Solutions for Hound-Hunters and Private Landowner Stakeholders:**

The Chair called on Ms. Jenn Allen, Deputy Chief of the Wildlife Division who provided a report and update on the Collaborative Solutions for Hound-Hunters and Private Landowners.

Speakers:

- Mr. Mike Hayes spoke regarding Stakeholder Advisory Committee (In person)
- Mr. Chris Patton spoke regarding Ad Hoc Committee (in person)
- Mr. Todd Grubbs spoke regarding Hound trespass (in person)
- Mr. Judge Charlton spoke regarding Hound Hunting (virtual)

After questions and comments, the Chair thanked Ms. Allen for her presentation and the speakers who took their time to come speak and to call in virtually.

The Chair called for a break at 11:05 am

The Chair resumed the meeting at 11:15 am

**Committee Reports:**

**Wildlife and Boat Committee:**

The Chair called on Mr. Jon Cooper for a report of the August 16, 2023, Wildlife and Boat Committee Meeting.

Mr. Cooper gave an update of the Wildlife and Boat Committee Meeting on August 16, 2023, Committee meeting.

The Chair called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for a report.

Dr. Bednarski presented the Regulation Cycle and meeting dates for the committee meetings and Board meetings for 2023-2024.

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

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Cooper made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Board support the proposed meeting schedule as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd.

Ayes: Woodall, Daniel, Cooper, Vincent, Boyd, Sadler, Parker, Terwilliger

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**Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Report:**

The Chair called on Mr. George Terwilliger to give an update on the August 16, 2023, Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Mr. Terwilliger gave an update on the August 16, 2023, Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting and congratulated Mr. Rob Lewis on his promotion to Planning and Finance Director.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Terwilliger for his update.

**Law Enforcement Committee:** The Chair called on Mr. Daniel to give an update on the August 16, 2023, Committee meeting.

Mr. Daniel gave an update on the August 16, 2023, Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Daniel for his update.

**Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee Report:** The Chair called on Mr. John Daniel (for Mr. Formica) for an update on the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee Report of the August 16, 2023, EPO Committee meeting.

Mr. Daniel gave an update of the Education, Planning & Outreach Committee meeting on August 16, 2023.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Daniel for his report.

**Director's Report:** The Chair called on Director Ryan Brown for a report.

- Welcomed new board member Mr. Woody Woodall to the Board
- Congratulated Mr. Rob Lewis on his promotion to Director of Planning and Finance
- Made comments on the Board meeting Agenda change
- Regional Meetings are coming up, invited Board members to attend
- Fall of the year, lots of agency events happening all around the state

Dr. Mamie Parker congratulated Director Brown on being recognized in an upcoming issue of Garden & Gun magazine, recognizing all his accomplishments at DWR.

**Chair's Report:**

The Chair commented about the changes in the Agenda for the Board meeting and the reasons he felt it was a good change.

**Additional Business:** The Chair asked if there was any other business, hearing none, he continued with the agenda.

**Next Meeting Date:** The Chair announced the next meeting date is Tuesday, October 26, 2023.

The Chair called for a Close Session at 11:50 am and called on Mr. Woodall to read the Close Session Motion. It was seconded by Mr. Cooper.

The board secretary called the roll: Ayes: Woodall, Daniel, Cooper, Vincent, Boyd, Sadler, Terwilliger, Parker, Formica (virtual)

**Closed Meeting Motion, May 25, 2023**

Mr. Chairman,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting:

*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 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 the Department Director to also attend this meeting, as it believes his presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.*

It was seconded by Mr. Cooper. Ayes: Daniel, Woodall, Cooper, Vincent, Boyd, Sadler, Parker, Terwilliger, Formica(virtual)

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 1:25 pm.

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

The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Daniel, Woodall, Cooper, Boyd, Vincent, Sadler, Parker, Terwilliger, Formica (virtual)

### **Certification of Closed Meeting**

*August 17, 2023*

*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 asked if anyone had any questions or comments and announced that the next meeting will be Thursday, October 26, 2023. He adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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