

Final Meeting Minutes
Wildlife and Boat Committee
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive – Board Room
Henrico, VA 23228

August 18, 2021
10:00 am

Present: Ms. Karen Terwilliger, **Chair**; Mr. Leon Boyd, Dr. Mamie Parker; Alternates; Mr. John Daniel, Mr. Rovel Brown; **Board Members** in attendance: Mr. G. K. Washington, Mr. Tom Sadler/Virtual, **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Ms. Becky Gwynn, Mr. Darin Moore, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Dr. Gray Anderson, Mr. Tom Guess, Ms. Paige Pearson,

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and noted for the record that a Quorum was present for today's meeting.

The Chair called on the Board secretary for a roll call vote of Board members present: Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Mr. Leon Boyd, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. Rovel Brown, Mr. Tom Sadler/Virtual, Mr. G. K. Washington and Mr. John Daniel.

Approval of the May 17, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chair called for a motion to approve the May 17, 2021 Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Committee meeting. Dr. Parker seconded the motion.

The Board secretary called a roll call vote: Ayes: Terwilliger, Boyd, and Parker

Public Comment - Non Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items.

- Eric Fagerholm spoke regarding –To thank DWR for their work on the environment and to say the Department was on the right path for all sportsmen.

Proposed CWD Regulations in response to the Montgomery County positive: The Chair called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for a presentation.

Mr. Godfrey presented the Final Action on the proposed CWD Regulations in response to the Montgomery County positive.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Godfrey for his presentation on Proposed CWD Regulations for Montgomery County positive.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the amendments to the chronic wasting disease regulations for Disease Management Area 3 as presented by staff. It was seconded by Dr. Parker.

The Board secretary called the roll. Ayes, Terwilliger, Boyd, Parker

Public Comment summary on proposed predator hunting contest regulation: The Chair called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for a report of Public Comments on Proposed predator hunting contest regulation.

Mr. Godfrey presented the public comments on proposed predator hunting contest regulation.

The Chair asked for Public Comments from the Public and Committee members:

- Ms. Heidi Crosky spoke regarding the predator hunting contest

After discussions and comments, The Chair thanked Mr. Godfrey for his update.

Wildlife Division Update: The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for an update.

Dr. Anderson reported:

- Migratory and Hunting Regulations Digest have arrived and being distributed
- WMA's staff are busy getting prepared for the fall season
- Dove Season opens September 4, 2021

Fish Division Update: The Chair called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for an update.

Dr. Bednarski reported:

- Governor's Fishing Challenge scheduled for October 2, 2021 at Kiptopeke State Park. Planning a bird related activity with DCR to highlight the wildlife there at that time of year.

- Mussel Rama is coming up, 30 species of mussel on the Clinch River in Scott and Russell Counties. Highlighted contributions of DWR efforts to mussel restoration from the AWCC – 600K mussel released.
- Presented the Fish Regulatory cycle – Aquatic Wildlife schedule for 2022-2023

Director’s Report: The Chair called on Executive Director Ryan Brown for a report.

The Director reported:

- DWR participated in the Sportsman Show
- Kick off for Fall Hunting
- Green Top Expo on October 2, 2021
- Dove Season starts September 4, 2021
- Governor’s fishing Challenge on October 2, 2021
- HRBT Update - another successful season
- CWD involving Deer and mange on Bear situation

Chair’s Report: The Chair thanked everyone for attending the Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting. The employees at DWR are such stewards of Fish and Wildlife and the dedication from the staff is wonderful. Looking forward to the work of the Wildlife Viewing Plan.

The Chair asked if anyone had any further comments or questions, hearing none, she announced that the next meeting will be determined and adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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