

Final Board Minutes

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

August 19, 2021
9:00 am

Present: Mr. Brian Vincent, **Chair,** Mr. G. K. Washington, **Vice Chair;** **Board Members:** Mr. Leon Boyd, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. Frank Adams, Mr. Rovelie Brown, Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes, Mr. Tom Sadler, and Mr. G. K. Washington; **Absent:** Ms. Catherine Claiborne; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Ms. Becky Gwynn, Mr. Tom Guess, Dr. Gray Anderson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Darin Moore, Ms. Paige Pearson, Ms. Rebecca Lane, Major Milt Robinson, and Major Ryan Shuler.

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 “in-person” meeting. The Chair announced Mr. Sadler was Virtual.

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

The Chair welcomed the 2 new Board members, Tammy Jo Grimes and Rovelie Brown.

The Chair called on Ms. Terwilliger to read the Mission Statement.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. The board secretary took a roll call vote for Attendance: Ayes: Daniel, Vincent, Terwilliger, Adams, Boyd, Parker, Sadler, Brown, Washington and Grimes, Absent: Catherine Claiborne

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

The Director called on Major Ryan Shuler who introduced Major Milt Robinson as the new Major.

The Director called on Major Ryan Shuler who recognized Captain Tony Fisher. Captain Fisher recognized Officer Brandon Harris as the 2021 Boating Officer of the year.

The Director called the Past 2 Board Chairs to the podium and presented them with their Board Plaques, Dr. Mamie Parker and Mr. John Daniel.

The Director introduced Mr. Mike Roberts who attended the Board meeting to present a beautiful Elk Print to the Board members.

Approval of the May 27, 2021 and June 28, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the May 27, 2021 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the May 27, 2021 Board minutes. It was seconded by Dr. Parker.

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

The minutes of the June 28, 2021 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Sadler made a motion to approve the June 28, 2021 Board minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Washington.

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

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

The Chair called for Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

- Mr. Judge Charlton of Charlotte, VA spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting
- Mr. Kirby Burch of Powhatan, VA spoke regarding Field Trials
- Ms. Megan Spencer of Charlotte, VA spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting

The Chair thanked the speakers for their comments.

Committee Reports:

Law Enforcement Committee: The Chair called on Mr. Brown to give an update on the August 18, 2021 Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the August 18, 2021 Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or the Board.

The Chair thanked Mr. Brown for his Committee update.

Wildlife and Boat Committee:

The Chair called on Ms. Karen Terwilliger for an update on the August 18, 2021 Wildlife & Boat Committee meeting.

Ms. Terwilliger gave an update on the Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting.

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

Mr. Godfrey gave his presentation of the Proposed CWD Regulations in response to the Montgomery County positive.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Terwilliger for her update and Mr. Godfrey for his presentation.

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Terwilliger 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 Area 3 as presented by staff. It was seconded by G. K. Washington.

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

Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Report:

The Chair called on Mr. G. K. Washington to give an update on the May 20, 2021 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Mr. Washington gave an update on the August 18, 2021 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

The Chair called on Mr. Darin Moore for an overview of the FY 2021 Finances.

Mr. Moore gave an overview of the FY 2021 Finances and the completed Federal Audit.

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 for his updates and presentations.

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee Report:

The Chair called on Mr. Sadler to give an update on the August 18, 2021 Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee meeting.

Mr. Sadler gave an update on the August 18, 2021 Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee meeting.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the public or the Board.

The Chair thanked Mr. Sadler for his report on the committee meeting.

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

Mr. Brown Reported:

- DWR to host SEAFWA Conference in Roanoke in October 17-20, 2021
- The Director called on Becky Gwynn to report on the HRBT
- Run For the Wild Update
- Explore the Wild Update
- Fall hunting Season approaching
- Dove Season begins September 4
- Governor's Fishing Challenge on October 2
- DWR has taken part in Outdoor Sportsman Show and the VA Big Game Show
- Green Top Event will be on October 2, 2021
- The Director called on Becky Gwynn to report on 3 CWD meetings around the state
- Becky Gwynn reported that 2 new grants have been awarded for use with the CWD situation
- DWR was selected to be a part of the Relevancy Road Map
- Boating Access Group is meeting to work on Funding needs
- Inclusion Plan by George Braxton has been approved and he will be submitting at the October Board meeting

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked all presenters and staff for their work. The Chair reported he enjoyed being on this board and was looking forward to being the Chair for next year ahead. He reported that listening to the public comments helps the board move ahead and make DWR able to move forward.

The Chair presented the 2022 Schedule of Board meeting dates.

The Chair asked for a motion to approve. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chair, I make a motion to approve the 2022 Schedule of Board meeting dates. It was seconded by Mr. Washington.

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

The Next Regular Board Meeting Date:

The Chair announced that the next meeting date would be Thursday, October 28, 2021

Closed Session:

The Chair announced there would be a Closed Session. A motion was made by Tammy Jo Grimes and seconded by Mr. Sadler. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Ayes: Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, and Sadler

*Closed Meeting Motion
August 19, 2021*

Mr. Chair,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting for:

(1) First, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia, for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting

would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Board, with respect to real property located in Scott and Highland Counties;

(2) Secondly, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.8, 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; and

(3) Finally, 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 legal counsel, the Department Executive Director, the Department Deputy Director, the Legal Compliance Officer, and the Real Property Manager 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 secretary took a roll call vote. Ayes: Daniel, Vincent, Terwilliger, Adams, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown and Sadler

The Board went into Closed Session at: 11:25 am

The Board reconvened from the Closed Session at 1:05 pm.

The Chairman called on Mr. Brown to read the Certification of Closed Meeting.

*Certification of Closed Meeting
August 19, 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.

It was seconded by Mr. Washington.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Daniel, Vincent, Terwilliger, Adams, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown and Sadler

The Chair called for a motion. Dr. Parker made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board authorize the Director to acquire approximately 190+ acres of land in Highland County, Virginia, and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler.

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

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Brown made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board authorize the Director to acquire approximately 10+ acres of land in Scott County, Virginia, and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was second by Mr. Sadler.

The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Daniel, Terwilliger, Adams, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Grimes, Parker, Brown, and Sadler.

The Chair asked if there were any comments or questions from the Board.

The Chair announced the next Board meeting will be October 28, 2021 and thanked the Executive Director and staff for making today's meeting in person possible.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Frances Boswell
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