

FINAL Board Minutes

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
7870 Villa Park Drive – Board Room
Henrico, VA 23228

August 21, 2019
10:00 am

Present: Mr. Leon Boyd, **Chairman**; Ms. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. G. K. Washington; Dr. Mamie Parker, Alternate: **Board Members** in attendance: Mr. John Daniel; Mr. H. S. Caudill; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Dr. Mike Bednarski, Major Scott Naff, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Tom Guess, Mr. Darin Moore, Major Bryan Young

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

Approval of the May 29, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the May 29, 2019 Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement meeting minutes. Ms. Butterworth made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2019 Committee meeting. Mr. Washington seconded the motion. Ayes: Boyd, Butterworth, and Washington

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

The Chairman called for Public Comments – Non-Agenda items.

- Mr. Arthur Garthright of Richmond, VA spoke regarding Boat Ramps

Fishing Regulations Schedule and Board Meeting Schedule: The Chairman called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for a presentation.

Dr. Bednarski presented the Fishing Regulations Schedule, the Committees, and Board meeting Schedule 2019-2020.

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Dr. Bednarski for his presentation.

The Chairman called for a motion. Mr. Washington made a motion, I move that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Committee recommend approval of the Regulatory Schedule and Committee and Board Schedule for 2019-2020 as presented by staff to the Full Board for adoption. It was seconded by Ms. Butterworth. Ayes: Boyd, Washington, Butterworth

Deer Feeding Options in Support of CWD Program: The Chairman called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for a presentation.

Mr. Godfrey presented the Deer Feeding Options in Support of CWD Program.

- Mr. Kirby Burch of Powhatan, VA made comments on the CWD Program

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Mr. Godfrey for his presentation.

- Dr. Parker arrived a 10:20 am

Boating Regulations Staff Recommendations: The Chairman called on Mr. Tom Guess for a presentation.

Mr. Guess presented the Boating Regulations Staff Recommendations.

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

The Chairman called for a motion. Ms. Butterworth made a motion. Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to recommend approval to the full Board for adoption of the Boating Regulations staff recommendations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Washington. Ayes: Boyd, Washington, Butterworth, Parker

- Ms. Karen Terwilliger arrival at 10:45 am

Law Update: The Chairman called on Major Scott Naff for an Update.

Major Naff reported:

- Major Naff called to the podium, Special Agent Jim Croft and Officer Jason Harris of the Fraud and Theft Unit to give a report and overview on Stolen Boats

After discussion and comments, the Chairman thanked Major Naff and Special Agent Croft and Officer Harris for their update.

Wildlife Division Update: The Chairman called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for an update.

Mr. Godfrey reported:

- Update on hiring of vacant positions in the Wildlife Section
- WMA staff getting ready for fall hunting
- Purchase of the Walton Tract (1,600 acres) working to have open for the fall hunting
- Tumbling Creek has another road issue that is being repaired
- CWD meeting next week in Culpeper, VA
- Bear Plan is coming up for Revision

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

Dr. Bednarski reported:

- Proposed Commercial Electrofishing with VMRC partnership in York and Rappahannock River
- Additional Free Fishing Weekend – September 27- 29, 2019 that will coincide with National Hunting and Fishing Day
- Governor’s Fishing Challenge on September 28, 2019

Director’s Report: The Chairman called on Director Brown for a report.

Director Brown reported:

- Outdoor Sportsman Show Success
- Dr. Anderson at a conference with Dept. of Forestry and VA Tech
- Director has been meeting with Constitutes and Constitutes Group
- CWD continuing focus
- Leesville Dam Update

Chairman’s Report: The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the Wildlife, Boat and Law Committee meeting and thanked staff for their presentations. The Chairman commended Mr. Ryan Brown for being hired as the new Director and looking forward to moving the Department forward. The Chairman mentioned the new Visitor Center Grand Opening in Buchanan County that staff attended. The Chairman reported on the Annual Elk Foundation Banquet recently held and thanked all staff that attended. The Chairman asked if anyone had any further comments or questions, hearing none, he announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 10:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 11:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell
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