

FINAL Board Minutes
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
7870 Villa Park Drive
Henrico, VA 23228

August 22, 2019
9:00 am

Present: Dr. Mamie Parker, **Chairwoman,** **Board Members:** Ms. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. G. K. Washington, Mr. Leon Boyd, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Mr. John Daniel, Mr. H. S. Caudill, Ms. Catherine Claiborne; **Absent:** Mr. Douglas Dear, Mr. Brian Vincent; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Tom Guess, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr., Lee Walker, Ms. Rebecca Lane.

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

Ms. Christine Wolfe, Ms. Kate Hopkins, and Mr. Austin Brown with Joint Legislative Audit Review Commission (JLARC) attended the Board meeting.

The Chairwoman opened the meeting at 9:00 am. The Chairwoman welcomed everyone attending the meeting, noted for the record that a quorum was present, and announced there would be a Closed Session during the meeting. The Chairwoman welcomed new Director Mr. Ryan Brown to his first Board meeting and thanked Mr. Gary Martel for being the Acting Executive Director while the new Director was being hired. The Chairwoman thanked Law Enforcement for a nice reception and Awards program the previous evening.

The Chairwoman called on Mr. G. K. Washington to read the Mission Statement and CPO Patrillo to lead the pledge to the flag.

The Chairwoman announced that the Secretary of Natural Resources Matt Strickler and Deputy Secretary Joshua Saks would be joining us for the Board meeting later in the morning.

Recognition of Employees and Others: The Chairwoman called on Director Brown for Recognitions.

The Director called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for a recognition. Mr. Godfrey recognized Mr. Matthew Overstreet who is the new Regional Wildlife Manager for Region 2.

The Director called on Mr. Lee Walker for Recognitions. Mr. Walker called on Mr. Alex McCrickard who introduced Mr. Alan Harrington for the 2018 Angler of the Year Creel Award and Mr. Stephen Miklandric for reaching the Master Angler 5 Award.

Approval of the May 30, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the May 30, 2019 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Claiborne made a motion to approve the May 30, 2019 Board minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. Caudill. Ayes: Parker, Butterworth, Washington, Boyd, Terwilliger, Daniel, Caudill, Claiborne.

Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items): The Chairwoman called for Public Comments Non-Agenda Items:

- Judge Charlton of Charlotte Court House, VA spoke regarding Dog Hunting Problems

The Chairwoman announced the new Committee Chairpersons for 2019-2020.

- Mr. Leon Boyd, Chairman of Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee
- Mr. John Daniel, Chairman of Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee
- Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Chairwoman of Education, Planning, and Outreach

Committee Meeting Reports:

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee: The Chairwoman called on Mr. Leon Boyd to report on the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement committee meeting.

Mr. Boyd reported that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee met on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 and called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for a presentation.

Mr. Bednarski presented the Committees and Board Meeting Schedule for 2019.

Mr. Bednarski presented the Fishing Regulations Schedule for 2019-2020.

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

The Chairwoman called for a motion. Mr. G. K. Washington made a motion. Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board adopt the Fishing Regulations Schedule and Committees and Board Schedule for 2019-2020 as presented by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Claiborne. Ayes: Parker, Butterworth, Washington, Boyd, Terwilliger, Daniel, Caudill, Claiborne

Mr. Boyd called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for a presentation.

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

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

- Mr. Caudill departed at 10:15 am

Mr. Boyd called on Mr. Tom Guess for a presentation.

Mr. Guess presented the Boating Regulations Staff Recommendations.

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

The Chairwoman called for a motion. Ms. Claiborne made a motion. Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board adopt the Boating Regulations Staff Recommendations. It was seconded by Mr. Daniel. Ayes: Parker, Butterworth, Washington, Boyd, Terwilliger, Daniel, Claiborne

Mr. Boyd called on Dr. Bednarski for a presentation.

Mr. Bednarski presented the Re-Scheduled date for Free Fishing Days.

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

The Chairwoman called for a motion. Mr. G. K. Washington made a motion, Ms. Chairwoman, Due to inclement weather that resulted in the cancellation of "Free Fishing Days" on June 7-9, 2019, I move that the Board designate September 27-29, 2019 as Free "Freshwater" Fishing Days.

Mr. Boyd called on Major Scott Naff who introduced Special Agent Jim Croft and CPO Jason Harris of the Fraud and Theft Unit who gave an update on Boat Thefts and how it affects the Agency.

After discussion and comments, the Chairwoman thanked Special Agent Croft and CPO Harris for their update.

Finance, Audit, & Compliance: The Chairwoman called on Mr. John Daniel to report on the Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Mr. Daniel reported that the Finance, Audit, and Compliance committee met on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 and called on Mr. Darin Moore for a presentation.

Mr. Moore presented Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2019.

After discussion and comments, the Chairwoman thanked Mr. Moore for his presentation.

Mr. Moore gave a report and update on the 2019 State Audit.

After discussion and comments, the Chairwoman thanked Mr. Moore for his update.

The Chairwoman called for a Break at 10:30 am
The Chairwoman resumed the meeting at 10:40 am

The Chairwoman recognized and introduced Secretary of Natural Resources, Matt Strickler and Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources Joshua Saks who joined us at the Board Meeting.

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee: The Chairwoman called on Ms. Karen Terwilliger to report on the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee.

Ms. Terwilliger reported that the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee met on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 and Outreach staff gave updates and reports by Law Enforcement and their Outreach involvement with a presentation on Fly Fishing, a Media Report, an R3-Refer a Friend Report, Conservation at Work video, Outreach Digital Marketing Overview and an overall Outreach report. Ms. Terwilliger mentioned the National Recovering America's Wildlife Act in connection with Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' Outreach Programs and with the Partnerships with DMV, VMRC, and DCR.

After discussion and comments, the Chairwoman thanked Ms. Terwilliger for her update.

Diversity and Inclusion Resolution: The Chairwoman called on Executive Director Ryan Brown.

Mr. Brown presented the Diversity and Inclusion Resolution.

The Chairwoman asked for a motion. Mr. Daniel made a motion. Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board Adopt the Diversity and Inclusion Resolution dated August 22, 2019. Mr. G. K. Washington seconded the motion. Ayes: Parker, Butterworth, Washington, Boyd, Terwilliger, Daniel, Claiborne

Conserve Virginia: The Chairwoman and Executive Director called on Deputy Secretary Joshua Saks for a presentation.

Mr. Saks gave a presentation on Conserve Virginia, a new initiative of Governor Northam.

After discussion and comments, the Chairwoman and Executive Director thanked the Deputy Secretary for his informative presentation on Conserve Virginia and thanked the Secretary of Natural Resources Mr. Matt Strickler for attending our Board meeting.

Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Land Acquisition Process: The Chairwoman called on Ms. Becky Gwynn for a presentation.

Ms. Gwynn gave a presentation on the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Land Acquisition Process.

After discussion and comments, the Chairwoman thanked Ms. Gwynn for her presentation.

Closed Session

The Chairwoman called on Ms. Claiborne for the reading of the Closed Session Motion.

Closed Meeting Motion August 22, 2019

Madam Chair,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting pursuant to:

(1) 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:

(i) Real property located in: Hanover

(2) Section 2.2-3711.A.7 for consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel.

(3) And 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 Game and Inland Fisheries specifically regarding:

(i) 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 Deputy Director, the Planning and Finance Director, the Assistant Chief Wildlife Resources Division, the Real Property Manager, the Secretary of Natural Resources, the Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources, the Department of General Services representative, and the JLARC Representative to also attend the closed meeting as it believes their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

Mr. Boyd seconded the motion, Ayes: Parker, Butterworth, Washington, Boyd, Terwilliger, Daniel, and Claiborne

The Board went into Closed Session at 11:45 am.

The Board meeting reconvened at 2:00 pm

The Chairwoman called on Ms. Claiborne for the reading of the Certification of Closed Meeting.

*Certification of Closed Meeting
August 22, 2019*

WHEREAS, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries 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 Game and Inland Fisheries 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. Boyd. Ayes: Parker, Butterworth, Washington, Boyd, Terwilliger, Daniel, Claiborne

The Board Secretary conducted the following voice roll call vote:

Mrs. Claiborne	Aye
Mr. Daniel	Aye
Ms. Terwilliger	Aye
Ms. Butterworth	Aye
Mr. Washington	Aye
Mr. Boyd	Aye
Dr. Parker	Aye

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

The Director reported on:

- Thanked Staff for attending and working the Outdoor Show
- Diversity and Inclusion Resolution
- Announced the Diversity and Inclusion Director position has been advertised
- Stakeholder and Advisory meeting is being put together for an upcoming meeting
- Thanked staff for the great job and presentations during Committee and Board meetings
- Planning meeting with Outreach Staff has been set for September

- Meeting with the Governor's Office to participate in Outreach efforts and partner with other Natural Resource Agencies for Outreach activities
- CWD updates will be at all Board meetings

**The Chairman called on Mr. Daniel for a motion. Ms. Chairwoman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to take any actions necessary to cooperate with the Department of General Services to accomplish the sale of approximately 15.44 acres of land in Hanover County, Virginia, and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Ms. Claiborne. Ayes: Parker, Butterworth, Washington, Boyd, Terwilliger, Daniel, Claiborne

Chairwoman's Report: The Chairwoman thanked Staff for their work and presentations.

Dr. Parker and Mr. Daniel thanked staff for arranging and organizing the Retreat the Board attended on June 20th & 21st, 2019 in Williamsburg, VA.

The Chairwoman asked if anyone had any comments or questions, hearing none, she announced the next Board Meeting will be Thursday, October 24, 2019 and adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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