

Final Board Minutes

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

October 19, 2022  
9:00 am

**Present:** Mr. G. K. Washington, **Chair,** Mr. Tom Sadler, **Vice Chair;** **Board Members:** Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. John Daniel, Ms. Tammy Jo Franklin, Dr. Mamie Parker and Mr. Michael Formica; Mr. Brian Vincent, Mr. George Terwilliger; **Absent:** Ms. Catherine Claiborne Mr. Jon Cooper, Executive **Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Deputy Director:** Ms. Becky Gwynn; **Director's Working Group:** Dr. Gray Anderson, Mr. Darin Moore, Ms. Paige Pearson, Colonel John Cobb, Mr. Bob Smet, Ms. Rebecca Lane, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Stock Watson, Mr. Paul Kugelman, Mr. Tom Guess

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.

Mr. Corey Scott, Deputy Secretary of Natural and Historic Resources attended the Board meeting.

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

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

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

The Director and Chair Washington recognized two former board members, Ms. Karen Terwilliger (virtually) and Mr. Frank Adams with Plaques for their service to the Board.

The Director recognized Deputy Director Gary Martel on his retirement and presented Mr. Martel with a Plaque.

The Director called on Mr. Denny Quaiff, Director of the Deer Hunters Association for remarks on Mr. Gary Martel's Retirement and presented Mr. Martel with a Plaque on behalf of the Deer Hunters Association.

The Director called on Dr. Gray Anderson who presented Mr. Jay Howell the Chuck Kowaleski Leadership award.

The Director called on Mr. Jeff Trollinger who presented Mr. Brian Watson the Aquatic Biologist of the year award.

### **Approval of the August 18, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes of the August 18, 2022 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Parker made a motion to approve the August 18, 2022 Board meeting minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler.

Ayes: Washington, Vincent, Boyd, Franklin, Sadler, Parker, Terwilliger, Formica

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

The Chair called for Public Comments – Non Agenda Items:

- Mr. Christopher Patton spoke regarding Property Rights Alliance (in person)
- Mr. William Gillette spoke regarding the Virginia's Hound Hunting Heritage (in person)
- Mr. John Glazebrook spoke regarding the work DWR has done promoting youth hunting and wanted to thank the Board in person (in person)
- Ms. Kaitlyn Abercrombie spoke regarding deer hunting with hounds (virtual)
- Mr. Todd Miller spoke regarding the Virginia Hunting Dog Alliance (virtual)
- Mr. Judge Charlton spoke regarding the Virginia Property Rights Alliance (virtual)
- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding the Property Rights Alliance (virtual)
- Ms. Ann Morse spoke regarding hunting with Dogs (virtual)

The Chair thanked the speakers for their comments.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Wildlife and Boat Committee:**

The Chair called on Mr. Leon Boyd for a report of the October 18, 2022 Wildlife and Boat Committee Meeting.

Mr. Boyd gave an update of the Wildlife and Boat Committee Meeting on October 18, 2022.

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

The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation on the Proposed Property Naming.

Dr. Anderson gave a presentation on the Proposed Property Naming.

The Chair asked the Board and public for any comments or questions.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the proposed property name and designation as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Terwilliger. Ayes: Washington, Vincent, Boyd, Franklin, Sadler, Parker, Terwilliger, Formica

The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for an Update on WMA and Boating Access sites allowable activities.

Dr. Anderson presented the Update on the WMA's and Boating Access sites allowable activities.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for an update on Wildlife Regulation cycle schedule and public scoping.

Dr. Anderson gave his update on the Wildlife Regulation cycle schedule and public scoping.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Anderson for his update.

The Chair call on Mr. Cale Godfrey for an Elk Hunt Report.

Mr. Godfrey presented his report on The Elk Hunt.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Godfrey for his presentation.

The Chair called for a Break at 11:05 am

The Chair resumed the meeting at 11:20 am

The Chair called on Mr. Tom Hampton for a WMA Camping report.

Mr. Hampton presented his WMA Camping report.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Hampton.

The Chair called on Mr. Tom Hampton for an update on VPA HIP.

Mr. Hampton presented his update on VPA HIP.

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

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

The Chair called on Mr. Tom Sadler to give an update on the October 18, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Mr. Sadler gave an update on the October 18, 2022 Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting.

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

The Chair called on Mr. Sadler for a report on Standing Committees for 2022-2023.

Mr. Sadler presented the report on the Standing Committees for 2022-2023.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Sadler for his reports and updates.

The Chair called for a motion, Mr. Sadler made a motion, Mr. Chair, I make a motion to approve the Standing Committee Dates for 2022-2023 as presented. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. The board secretary took a roll call vote: Ayes: Washington, Vincent, Boyd, Franklin, Sadler, Parker, Terwilliger, and Formica

The Chair called on Mr. Darin Moore for a presentation of the FY 23-First Quarter Finance Report and an update of the FY23 Budget.

Mr. Moore presented the FY23 – First Quarter Finance Report and an Update of the FY23 Budget.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Moore for his presentations.

**Law Enforcement Committee:** The Chair called on Mr. Vincent to give an update on the October 18, 2022 Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Mr. Vincent gave an update on the October 18, 2022 Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

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

The Chair thanked Mr. Vincent for his Committee update.

**Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee Report:** The Chair called on Dr. Mamie Parker for an update on the October 18, 2022 Committee meeting.

Dr. Parker gave an update of the EPO Committee meeting on October 18, 2022.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Parker for her report

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

- Thanked all that worked on the Elk hunt to make that an special hunt
- Appreciative of all the hours/time staff are ambassadors to the agency working all the vents we are invited to
- Several conferences AWFA, SEAFWA, International Conference coming up in November on Endangered Species in Panama.

The Chair thanked the Director for his report.

**Chair's Report:** The Chair commented on how he appreciates all the updates and how staff work together. Always amazed how much work is done with so little people, thanked everyone and Director Brown for continuing to move the agency forward.

The Chair announced the next meeting date as Wednesday, January 19, 2023.

The Chair called for a Closed Session at 12:15 pm

Mr. Daniel arrived at 12:15 pm.

The Chair called on Mr. Terwilliger to read the Closed Session motion. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler.

Ayes: Daniel, Washington, Vincent, Boyd, Franklin, Sadler, Terwilliger, Formica, Parker

**Closed Meeting Motion, October 19, 2022**

Mr. Chairman,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting:

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 public body, specifically regarding real estate located in Westmoreland County.

And secondly, 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, the Deputy Director, 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 reconvened from Closed Session at 2:20 pm.

The Chair called on Mr. Brian Vincent to read the Certification of Closed Meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Terwilliger.

*Certification of Closed Meeting  
October 19, 2022*

*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 board secretary took a roll call vote: Daniel, Washington, Vincent, Boyd, Franklin, Sadler, Parker, Terwilliger, Formica

The Chair called on Mr. Boyd for a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources authorizes the Director to purchase 2.6+ acres in the County of Westmoreland, VA including the procurement of certain due diligence items and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler

Ayes: Daniel, Washington, Vincent, Boyd, Franklin, Sadler, Parker, Terwilliger, Formica

The Chair called on Mr. Terwilliger for a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources authorize the Director to return the \$5,000 check to the Virginia Hound Heritage Inc., given to this agency to be redirected to another agency for state purposes the donor required. It was seconded by Mr. Sadler.

Ayes: Daniel, Washington, Vincent, Boyd, Franklin, Parker, Sadler, Terwilliger, Formica

The Chair announced the next Board meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 2023 and adjourned the meeting at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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