

FINAL Meeting Minutes
Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23228

October 23, 2024
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Jon Cooper, **Chair**, (Mr. Cooper chaired the meeting for Mr. Formica); **Absent:** Mr. Terwilliger and Mr. Formica; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. James Edmunds, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Brian Vincent, Mr. John Daniel, Mr. Will Wampler, Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Dr. Mamie Parker; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. George Braxton, Colonel John Cobb, Ms. Stacey Brown, Mr. Michael Lipford, Ms. Shelby Crouch

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that there was “not” a quorum present for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024, committee meeting. Mr. Cooper announced that for lack of a quorum the minutes will not be approved.

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

- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding CPO presence in high compliant counties
- Ms. Amanda Savignano spoke regarding POST documents
- Mr. Rich Gozka spoke regarding Law enforcement in general
- Mr. Raymond Carter spoke regarding Landowner Representation, Equal Enforcement of Game Law, Permission to Hunt
- Todd Grubbs spoke regarding Hound trespass

The Chair thanked our speakers for their comments.

P.O.S.T. Plan Presentation: The Chair called on Major Ryan Shuler and First Sergeant Tim Dooley for a presentation.

Major Shuler and First Sergeant Tim Dooley gave a presentation on P.O.S.T. Plan, that Law Enforcement has implemented that aligns with their strategic priorities. This plan has been in development for well over two years. The purpose of the plan was to operationalize command intent by providing clear guidance and expectations on how best to focus our enforcement efforts.

Law Enforcement Chief Update: The Chair called on Colonel Cobb for an update.

Colonel Cobb reported:

- Recruitment process is closed, received 676 applicants to test, will be offering interviews to 130 candidates
- CPOs attended 550 events, in contact with 39,000 people
- Hurricane Helene- 27 CPOs went to Florida to help
- Colonel John Cobb will be the President of The National Association of Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs (NACLEC)

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for his update.

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

The Director reported:

- Commented about Law Officer's and their importance is to the agency. In addition to the quality of staff and quality of work output that all the staff handles is tremendous and is noticed by outside groups and citizens around the state.

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked Law Enforcement staff for their presentations and always is appreciative of hearing the great work from law staff.

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, January 22, 2025, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell