

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

October 24, 2019
9:00 am

Present: Dr. Mamie Parker, **Chair, Board Members:** Mr. G. K. Washington, Mr. Leon Boyd, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Mr. John Daniel, Mr. Tom Sadler, Ms. Catherine Claiborne, Mr. Frank Adams, Mr. Douglas Dear, Mr. Brian Vincent; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Tom Guess, Dr. Gray Anderson, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr. Lee Walker, Ms. Rebecca Lane, Major Bryan Young, Major Scott Naff

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

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:00 am. The Chair 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 Chair called on Mr. Douglas Dear to read the Mission Statement and CPO Wensel to lead the pledge to the flag.

Recognition of Employees and Others:

The Chair and the Director recognized and welcomed two new Board members and one Reappointment to today's meeting.

- Mr. Frank Adams from King William, VA
- Mr. Tom Sadler from Verona, VA
- Welcomed Mrs. Catherine Claiborne back to the Board for her Reappointment

The Chair called on Director Ryan Brown for Recognitions.

The Director called on Major Bryan Young for an Introduction, Major Young called Lieutenant Ron Ham to the podium and introduced him as the new Accreditation Manager for Law Enforcement.

The Director called on Mr. Lee Walker who introduced Ms. Melody McCormick, as the new boating supervisor. Mr. Walker called on Mr. Tom Guess, who recognized Mr. Everett Tucker, the Region 1 Boating Safety Coordinator, who is retiring October 31, 2019 with 32 years service.

The Director called on Ms. Rebecca Lane who introduced Mr. Lester Brantley, the new Human Resources Assistant Director.

The Director called Mr. John Kirk to the podium and presented him with the SOBA Award (States Organization Boating Access) .

The Director recognized Dr. Mamie Parker as the First African American Board Chair with a Fish and Wildlife Agency. Board Members Karen Terwilliger and Catherine Claiborne spoke on her behalf, with comments from the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Dr. Mamie Parker presented Mr. Douglas Dear with his Outgoing Chairman's gift.

Dr. Mamie Parker presented Director Ryan Brown with his 10 year Service Award for the Commonwealth and with his Outgoing Board Member Plaque.

Approval of the August 22, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the August 22, 2019 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Dear made a motion to approve the August 22, 2019 Board minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. Daniel. Ayes: Parker, Washington, Boyd, Terwilliger, Daniel, Claiborne, Vincent, Dear, Sadler, Adams

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

- Mr. Don Wright from Halifax, VA spoke regarding hunting with dogs.
- Mr. Arthur Garthright from Henrico, VA spoke regarding installing lights at a boat ramp (The Board recommends that we have a light installed)

Committee Meeting Reports:

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee: The Chair 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, October 23, 2019 and topics presented and discussed were the new Outreach Mission and Vision Statement, CWF and Internship Update, Law Enforcement presented a presentation on Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Partnership and introduced Ms. Kristin Harris, Executive Director of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. There was a Media report, and a Habitat Update.

Ms. Terwilliger called on Mr. Lee Walker who presented the new Mission and Vision Statement for Outreach Division.

Ms. Terwilliger called on Mr. Tom Guess to present amendments to the Board Governance Manual and Charters.

Ms. Terwilliger called for a motion. Ms. Terwilliger made a motion, I move that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries adopt the amendments to the Governance Manual and the Charters of the Wildlife and Boat, and the Law Enforcement Committees under the urgent clause as defined by the Board Governance Manual and as recommended by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Claiborne. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Dear, Adams, Sadler.

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

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, October 23, 2019. The committee heard reports and updates on CWD, Tick Borne Illnesses and CAD Radio System from Law Enforcement, a Wildlife Division update and a Fish Division update

Mr. Boyd called on Dr. Gray Anderson who recognized Ms. Becky Gwynn who presented an update on the Wildlife Action Plan.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Ms. Gwynn for her update.

Mr. Boyd called on Director Ryan Brown who presented the Recovering America's Wildlife Act Resolution (RAWA).

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Director Brown for his Resolution on Recovering America's Wildlife.

Mr. Boyd called for a motion. Mr. Daniel made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the Recovering America's Wildlife Act Resolution. It was seconded by Ms. Terwilliger. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Dear, Sadler, Adams.

The Chair called for a 10 minute break at 10:50 am

The Chair called the meeting back to order at 11:00 am

The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson. Dr. Anderson gave a CWD (Chronic Waste Disease) update.

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

The Chair called on Director Ryan Brown for a Law Enforcement Update. Mr. Brown gave his Plan for Law Enforcement Improvements.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Mr. Brown for his comments.

Finance, Audit, & Compliance: The Chair 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, October 23, 2019 and called on Mr. Darin Moore for a Finance Report.

Mr. Moore presented the FY20 First Quarter Finance Report.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Mr. Moore for his report.

Mr. Moore gave a report and update on the Go Outdoors Virginia Customer Trends.

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

Closed Session

The Chair called on Mr. Sadler for the reading of the Closed Session Motion.

*Closed Meeting Motion
October 24, 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: Rockbridge

(2) Section 2.2-3711.A.7 for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiation or litigating posture of the public body.

(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 Real Property Manager 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: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Dear, Sadler, Adams

The Board went into Closed Session at 12:00 Noon

- Ms. Terwilliger departed at 1:30 pm

The Board meeting reconvened at 2:00 pm

The Chair called on Mr. Washington for the reading of the Certification of Closed Meeting.

*Certification of Closed Meeting
October 24, 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: Claiborne, Daniel, Terwilliger, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Dear, Sadler, Adams

The Board Secretary conducted the following voice roll call vote:

Mrs. Claiborne	Aye	Mr. Washington	Aye
Mr. Daniel	Aye	Mr. Boyd	Aye
Mr. Sadler	Aye	Dr. Parker	Aye
Mr. Dear	Aye	Mr. Vincent	Aye
Mr. Adams	Aye		

**The Chair called on Mr. Sadler for a motion. Madame Chair, I move that the Board authorize the Director to acquire approximately 641.6 acres of land in Rockbridge County, Virginia, and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Dear, Sadler, Adams

** The Chair called on Ms. Claiborne for a motion. Madame Chair, I move that the Board approve the 2019 Performance Evaluation for Director Ryan Brown for 2019. It was second by Mr. Daniel. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Dear, Sadler, Adams

The Chair announced that the Executive Director Ryan Brown was chosen by Style Magazine as one of the Top 40 Under 40 Inspiring Young Leaders who bring Richmond to life for 2019 and how proud we all are of him.

** The Chair called on Mr. Daniel for a motion. Madame Chair, I move that the Board authorize the Executive Director to execute the legal settlement with Mr. Drewry Hall and Mr. Richard Hall with the conditions approved by the Board, the Attorney General's office and the Governor's office. It was seconded by Ms. Claiborne. Ayes: Claiborne, Daniel, Vincent, Washington, Boyd, Parker, Dear, Sadler, Adams

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

The Director reported on:

- Thanked staff for the great job and presentation during the Committee and Board meetings
- Diversity and Inclusion Director Position has been filled
- Deer Harvest Update – Youth weekend harvest was down
- Told a story of a citizen with ALS who our staff helped hunt at Phelp's WMA, on October 5, 2019
- Will be attending the SEAFWA conference and then the NEAFWA Conference
- Will be attending the Virginia Tech College of Natural Resources and the Environment "Executive in Residence" program at Virginia Tech
- Service Award recognitions were held at the 4 Regional offices and the Richmond Headquarters
- Governor is having Dual achievement awards luncheon for State employees with above 40 years of service on November 14, 2019

Chair Report: The Chair thanked Staff for their work and presentations. The Chair mentioned what a great meeting we had. We celebrated outstanding people, heard a presentation on the Outreach Mission and Vision Statement, heard about the Wildlife Action Plan, had a Resolution presented on Recovering America's Wildlife Act Resolution, celebrated a settlement with the Hall family, established a new Law Enforcement Committee, presented the Executive Director his first Performance Evaluation, had a CWD update on how we are keeping the public aware of CWD, will continue to investigate feeding of deer, announced an Accrediation Manager for Law Enforcement, approved a light for a boat ramp, and received a FY20 First Quarter Finance Report.

The two new board members made comments how excited they were to be serving on the DGIF board and were looking forward to working with the rest of the board. Other Board members welcomed the new members and are excited about moving forward and working together.

The Chair announced the next Board Meeting will be Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 9:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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