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

June 16, 2016
9:00 am

Present: Mr. Chuck Cunningham**, Chairman**, Mr. Bill Bolling, **Vice Chairman**, Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. Leon Turner, Dr. Mark Winkler, Ms. Catherine Claiborne, Mr. Clayton Spruill, Mr. H. S. Caudill, Mr. Watkins Abbitt, Mr. David Bernhardt, Ms. Nicole Butterworth**; Executive Director**: Mr. Robert W. "Bob" Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team**: Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr. Tom Guess, Acting Law Chief Clark Greene, Mr. Ryan Brown.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone and noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting. Ms. Claiborne read the mission statement and Sgt. Mike Hill led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman announced there would be a Closed Session during the Board meeting.

Recognition of Employees and Others: The Chairman called on the Director for recognitions. The Director called on Mr. Lee Walker for comments and a video regarding the 100th Anniversary of the Agency.

Mr. Walker read a Governor's Certificate of Recognition signed by Governor McAuliffe commending the agency on their 100th anniversary.

The Director called on Mr. Lee Walker who introduced Mr. Dennis Martin who presented the Agency with a 1916 hunting license.

The Director called on Mr. Lee Walker who introduced Major Joe A. Tull, Fort Lee Provost Marshal and Mrs. Susan Loden, Army Volunteer Coordinator and Agent Michael Johnson who presented Certificates to DGIF staff who has volunteered at Ft. Lee.

The Director called on Acting Chief of Law Enforcement Clark Greene who called on Captain Kevin Clark who introduced the CPO of the Year, CPO Mark Diluigi and his family.

The Director called on Tom Guess who called on Acting Chief of Law Enforcement Clark Greene and Captain Milt Robinson and presented the NASBLA Boating Officer of the Year Award to CPO Mark Shaw.

The Director recognized Mr. Glen Askins for receiving the Governor's 2016 Public Service Award for Customer Service.

The Director called on Mr. Cale Godfrey, Deputy Assistant Director of the Bureau of Wildlife Resources who recognized two new employees in the Bureau, Mr. Shannon Bowling, Terrestrial Wildlife Manager and Dr. David Kalb, Terrestrial Biologist.

Approval of the March 24, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes of the March 24, 2016 minutes have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the March 24, 2016 Board meeting minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. Turner.
Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Spruill, Caudill, Abbitt, Bernhardt, Butterworth.

Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items): The Chairman called for Public Comments for Non-Agenda items.

- Ms. Mary Roy Dawson Edwards of Schuyler, VA spoke regarding Fulfillment Farms
- Ms. Alexandra K. Forrer of Charlottesville, VA spoke regarding Fulfillment Farms
- Mr. Charles Edwards of Schuyler, VA spoke regarding Fulfillment Farms
- Mr. Richard Collins of Charlottesville, VA spoke regarding Fulfillment Farms
- Mr. Tommy Lawhorne of Waynesboro, VA spoke regarding South River Regulations Change – Trout

The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

After the break, the Chairman continued the meeting.

Strategic Thinking: Mr. Darin Moore and Mr. Chris Dunnavant gave an update on the agency's Strategic Thinking Plan to the Board.

After discussions and questions, the Chairman thanked Mr. Moore and Mr. Dunnavant for their update.

Committee Reports:

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee:

The Chairman called on Director Bob Duncan for comments concerning the naming of a new Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Duncan called on Mr. David Norris for presentation on the purchase of the York/Ware Creek property.

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board name the New Wildlife Management Area, Ware Creek Wildlife Management Area. It was seconded by Mr. Turner. Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Spruill, Caudill, Abbitt, Bernhardt , Butterworth

The Chairman called on Mr. Leon Boyd, Chairman of Wildlife, Boat, and Law Committee for the activities of the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee meeting on June 15, 2016. Mr. Boyd called on Mr. Cale Godfrey.

Mr. Godfrey called on Dr. Gary Costanzo to present the staff recommendation for Waterfowl and Waterfowl Blind Regulation for York River.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion.

Mr. Bolling made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board propose the regulation on waterfowl and waterfowl blinds as presented by staff. Mr. Abbitt seconded the motion. Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Spruill, Caudill, Abbitt, Bernhardt, Butterworth

Mr. Godfrey called on Mr. Ryan Brown to present the Other Regulatory Proposals regarding the paint regulation for the color to use for posting of land and the repeal regulatory requirement for physical signatures.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion.

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the license signature as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Bolling. Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Spruill, Caudill, Abbitt, Bernhardt, Butterworth

Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the additional paint color of purple to be used for posting land as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Bolling. Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Spruill, Caudill, Abbitt, Bernhardt, Butterworth.

Mr. Godfrey called on Ms. Becky Gwynn to give staff recommendations on Endangered and Threatened Species Regulation.

After discussion and questions, the Chairman called for a motion.

Ms. Claiborne made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I hereby move that the Board propose the regulation amendments for endangered species as presented by staff. Mr. Abbitt seconded the motion. Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Spruill, Caudill, Abbitt, Bernhardt, Butterworth

Finance, Audit, & Compliance Committee:

The Chairman called on Mr. Bernhardt, Chairman of the Finance, Audit, & Compliance Committee to report on the June 15, 2016 Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Bernhardt called on Mr. Darin Moore who presented the Operating and Capital Budget for FY2017.

After discussions and questions, the Chairman called for a motion.

Mr. Bernhardt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I hereby move to approve the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Fiscal Year 2017 Operating and Capital Budgets (FY17 Operating Budget: $62,809,733 and FY17 Capital Budget: $10,593,51 with $6,957,234 in HHD Bond Projects.) Mr. Bolling seconded the motion. Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Spruill, Abbitt, Bernhardt, Caudill, Butterworth.

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee:

The Chairman called on Dr. Mark Winkler, Chairman of the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee. Dr. Winkler reported that the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee had not met since the last Board meeting.

Closed Session: The Chairman called for a motion to move into a Closed Meeting.

The Board went into Closed Session at: 12:15 pm

Mr. Bolling made the motion.

Closed Meeting Motion
June 16, 2016

Mr. Chairman,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting 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 Board, with respect to:

(i) Real property location in Smyth and Washington Counties.

Further, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.7 of the code of Virginia for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal Advice by such counsel.

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 request counsel, the Department Director, the Legislative and Policy Manager, the Assistant Bureau Director, the Special Assistant to the Director, and the Real Property Manager to also attend this meeting, at it believes their presence will reasonable aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

It was seconded by Dr. Winkler. Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Caudill, Spruill, Abbitt, Bernhardt, Butterworth

The Board reconvened at 2:08 pm.

Mr. Caudill moved the following Certification.

Certification of Closed Meeting
June 16, 2016

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 provision of the Virginia Freedom of 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 consideration by the Board.

It was seconded by Dr. Winkler.

The Board secretary conducted the follow voice roll call vote:

Mr. Caudill – Aye
Mr. Boyd – Aye
Dr. Winkler – Aye
Mr. Turner – Aye
Mr. Bernhardt – Aye
Mr. Bolling – Aye
Ms. Claiborne - Aye
Mr. Cunningham - Aye
Mr. Spruill - Aye
Ms. Butterworth-Aye
Mr. Abbitt - Aye

Director's Report: The Director reported on the following items:

- The Director called on Dr. David Kalb to give an Elk presentation
- The Director called on Sgt. Jaime Davis to report on the illegal taking of elk
- The Director called on Mr. Kim Delozier, Lands Program Manager with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation to present an award to Mr. Leon Boyd
- Legislative update - Mr. Ryan Brown

Chairman's Report: The Chairman reported on the following items:

Mr. Cunningham presented Dr. Mark Winkler, Mr. David Bernhardt, and Mr. Leon Turner with their outgoing Board member plaques and commended their work on the Committee and Board.

Amended Motion:

Mr. Abbitt recommended an Amended Motion to a previous motion concerning the regulation on waterfowl and waterfowl blinds.

Mr. Chairman, I move the Amended Motion, I move that the Board propose the regulation on Waterfowl and Waterfowl Blinds as amended by staff. Mr. Bolling seconded the motion, Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Spruill, Caudill, Abbitt, Bernhardt, Butterworth

Nominations Committee: Dr. Winkler, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, along with Mr. Turner and Mr. Abbitt reported the Nominations Committee would nominate the new 2017 Board Chairman to be Mr. Bill Bolling and the new 2017 Vice Chairwoman to be Mrs. Catherine Claiborne. The Chairman, Mr. Cunningham called for a motion.

Dr. Winkler made a motion to accept the report of the Nominations Committee to nominate Mr. Bill Bolling as Chairman and Ms. Catherine Claiborne as Vice Chairman. Dr. Bernhardt seconded the motion. Ayes: Cunningham, Bolling, Boyd, Turner, Winkler, Claiborne, Spruill, Caudill, Abbitt, Bernhardt, Butterworth

Mr. Bill Bolling presented Mr. Cunningham with his outgoing Chairman Plaque and his 100th Anniversary knife.

Adjournment: Mr. Cunningham announced the next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 9:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Frances Boswell