Final Board Meeting Minutes

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

August 22, 2018
9:00 am

Present: Mr. Douglas Dear, **Chairman**, Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. Clayton Spruill, Mr. Ryan Brown, Mr. Watkins Abbitt, Mrs. Nicole Butterworth, Mr. H. S. Caudill; **Absent**: Mrs. Catherine Claiborne, Mr. Brian Vincent, Dr. Mamie Parker; **Executive Director**: Mr. Robert W. " Bob" Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team**: Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Tom Guess, Mr. Lee Walker, Dr. Gray Anderson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Major Scott Naff, Major Bryan Young, Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Darin Moore

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

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:00 am. The Chairman welcomed everyone and noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting and announced there would be a Closed Session. The Chairman called on Board member Ryan Brown to read the Mission Statement and Senior Officer Chance Dobbs to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Recognition of Employees and Others: The Chairman called on Director Bob Duncan for recognitions.

The Director called on Major Scott Naff to introduce Senior Officer Wayne Billheimer and his canine Justice to play the Law Enforcement Lip Sync Challenge Video

The Director introduced the staff from Ducks Unlimited:

- Mr. James (Jim) Couch – DUC Chairman of the Board
- Mrs. Deanne Drouillard - DUC Manager of Eastern Region Partnerships
- Mr. Julian Ottley – Senior Vice President (DU BOD); Flyway – Region 7 (GA, FL, NC, SC, VA)
- Mr. Jamie Rader – Director of Conservation Programs – South Atlantic Field Office for DU

The staff from Ducks Unlimited presented a power point on DGIF's work with DU and presented a plaque to each Board Member and to the Director in appreciation of our working relationship.

The Director introduced the 10th Academy of recruits who attended the opening session of the Board meeting.

The Chairman called for a 5 minutes break at 9:45 am

The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 9:50 am

The Director called on Mr. Lee Walker who asked Ms. Karen Holson, DGIF State NASP Coordinator to introduce the NASP winners who were attending the Board meeting. Ms. Holson called to the podium Ms. Dawn Burns who gave an update of this year's NASP Program. Nancy Stephenson from Battlefield High School and Naomi Heilen from Ronald Reagan Middle School spoke about their experiences and excitement of Archery. Both schools are in Haymarket, Virginia in Prince William County. The NASP students participated and won the IBO – NASP 3D outdoor challenge and the IBO – NASP 3 Star 3D tournament. Both middle and high school won first place in their division.

The Director welcomed USDA State Director for Wildlife Services Dr. Scott Barras and Assistant State Director Jennifer Cromwell who were in attendance at the board meeting.

The Director called on Major Scott Naff who recognized Officer Matthew Sandy as the NASBLA Officer of the year.

Approval of the May 31, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes:

The Minutes of the May 31, 2018 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 May 31, 2018 Board minutes as submitted. It was seconded by Mr. Spruill. Ayes: Dear, Spruill, Butterworth, Abbitt, Boyd, Caudill, Brown.

Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items): The Chairman called for Public Comments, hearing none, he continued on with the meeting.

Virginia Department of Health:

Dr. David Gaines was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Committee Meeting Reports:

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee:

The Chairman called on Mr. Ryan Brown to report on the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee.

Mr. Brown reported that the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee had met on Tuesday, August 21,2018 and called on Dr. Mike Bednarski to present the Aquatic Regulations

After discussion and comments, Mr. Dear thanked Dr. Bednarski for his presentation.

Mr. Dear called for a motion, Mr. Brown made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the Regulation Amendments for the Aquatic Resources as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Caudill. Ayes: Dear, Spruill, Butterworth, Abbitt, Boyd, Caudill, Brown

Mr. Brown called on Dr. Gray Anderson to present Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtle Regulation.

After discussion and comments, Mr. Dear thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

The Board deferred action on the Commercial Harvest of Snapping Turtle Regulation until the October 25, 2018 meeting when staff will present additional information.

Mr. Brown called on Dr. Anderson to present the Wildlife Regulation Review Cycle Outline and Schedule.

After discussion and comments, Mr. Dear thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

Mr. Dear called for a motion, Mr. Abbitt made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the Wildlife Regulation Review Cycle Outline and Schedule. It was seconded by Mr. Spruill. Ayes: Dear, Spruill, Butterworth, Abbitt, Boyd, Caudill, Brown

Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee:

The Chairman called on Mr. Leon Boyd for a report of the Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee.

Mr. Boyd reported that the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee has met on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 and called on Mr. Darin Moore to report the FY 18 End of Year Finance Report Summary and a State Audit Update.

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

Mr. Boyd called on Mr. Darin Moore to report the Lifetime License Proposal.

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

The Chairman called for a motion, Mr. Boyd made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board approve the $100,000 budget amount from FY19 for the Lifetime License Proposal. It was seconded by Mr. Brown. Ayes: Dear, Spruill, Butterworth, Abbitt, Boyd, Caudill, Brown

Closed Session:

The Chairman called on Mrs. Butterworth to read the Closed Session Motion.

Closed Meeting Motion
August 22, 2018

Mr. Chair,

I move that the Board go into 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 located in: Spotsylvania County.

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, and the Real Property Manager, as it believes their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

It was seconded by Mr. Spruill. Ayes: Dear, Spruill, Butterworth, Abbitt, Boyd, Caudill, Brown

The Board went into Closed session at 12:10 pm

The Board reconvened at 1:10 pm

The Board Chairman called on Mrs. Butterworth to read the Certification of Closed Meeting.

Certification of Closed Meeting
August 22, 2018

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 on 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. Spruill. Ayes: Dear, Spruill, Butterworth, Abbitt, Boyd, Caudill, Brown.

The Board Secretary conducted the following voice roll call vote:

Mr. Spruill – Aye
Ms. Butterworth- Aye
Mr. Boyd – Aye
Mr. Caudill – Aye
Mr. Brown -Aye
Mr. Dear - Aye
Mr. Abbitt – Aye

The Chairman called on Board member Ryan Brown for a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to proceed to acquire approximately 1,573 acres of land in Spotsylvania County, Virginia, and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Caudill. Ayes: Dear, Spruill, Butterworth, Abbitt, Boyd, Caudill, Brown

Director's Report: The Director reported on:

- The Director, in the absence of Dr. Gaines from the Health Department shared information with the Board from Dr. Gaines presentation on Ticks in Virginia
- The Director read portions of a letter from Mrs. Peggy Barton of Green Bay, VA and included a copy of her letter in each notebook for each Board member. Her letter was concerning dog hunting, safety and other dog hunting issues

- The Director called on Mr. Tom Guess to give a report and update on the Upcoming Legislative Session. Board members had concerns and questions about Sunday hunting on Public lands and Guide Licenses
- The Director called on Dr. Mike Bednarski to report on the State Employees Fishing Day in partnership with Governor Northam
- The Director called on Mr. David Whitehurst to give an update on Capital Programs

Chairman's Report: The Chairman asked if anyone had any announcements or comments?

Mrs. Nicole Butterworth thanked the Board members and the staff of DGIF for all the support she was given when her husband passed away and expressed how much she appreciated it.

The Chairman announced the next Board meeting will be Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 9:00 am and adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Frances Boswell