

**DRAFT** Board Meeting Minutes  
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries  
4000 West Broad Street, Board Room  
Richmond, Virginia 23230

January 29, 2013  
9:00 am

**Present:** Mr. F. Scott Reed, Jr., Chairman, Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Lisa Caruso, Mr. J. Brent Clarke, III, Mr. Ben Davenport, Mr. Hugh C. Palmer, Mr. Leon O. Turner, Sr., Mr. Garry Gray, Mr. David Bernhardt, Mr. James W. Hazel; **Absent:** Mr. Vaughn Groves; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert “Bob” Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Tom Gelozin, Mr. Larry Hart, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. David Whitehurst; Dr., Joice Conyers, Colonel Dabney “Dee” Watts.

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The Chairman welcomed everyone and noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting. Mr. Hazel read the Mission Statement into the record and Sgt. Jeff McQuisition led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman announced that a closed meeting would be held during the meeting.

Ms. Caruso arrived at 9:15 am.

The Chairman recognized and thanked Matthew Gooch from the Office of the Attorney General for attending today’s meeting.

**Recognition of Employees and Others:**

The Director and David Whitehurst recognized staff and others.

The Director presented a plaque to Mark Robinette as Lands and Facilities Employee of the year.

The Director presented a certificate of appreciation to Galen Hall.

The Director presented a plaque to the Richmond Audubon Society and Saw Wet Owl Project .

The Director presented plaques to Jenny West and Jim McVey of the Wildlife Foundation.

The Director recognized Angie Leigh and Monte Brackenridge who have volunteered 5,000+ hours as Hunter Safety Volunteers and presented each of them with plaques. Mr. George “Spud” Almond from Virginia Hunter Education Association presented both “volunteers” with Henry Rifles.

The Director presented a plaque to Bob Ellis in appreciation for his work on the elk project.

The Chairman and the Director congratulated everyone on their accomplishments and thanked them for their service and dedication to the Agency and the Commonwealth.

**Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):** The Chairman called for public Comments-Non Agenda Items. The Chairman called attention to the need to limit individual comments to 3 minutes and comments to support a group to 5 minutes. The Chairman also reminded everyone wishing to make a comment to move to the podium, state their name, and where they are from so all comments could be made a part of the record.

- Mr. Hudson Reese, Scottsburg, Virginia spoke regarding Quail.
- Mr. Tom Rowland, Scottsburg, Virginia spoke regarding Quail.
- Mr. R. Gene Evans, Danville, Virginia spoke regarding feeding and baiting deer.
- Ms. Jenny West of the Wildlife Foundation, Richmond Virginia spoke regarding the Foundation's reception and thanked the Board for attending and updated the Board on the Foundation's agenda. She spoke concerning a quail hunt the Foundation had put together and announced the Wildlife Foundation would be hosting their Annual fundraiser on 2/26/13 at the University of Richmond Jepson Center.

Following all comments the Chairman thanked everyone for their comments and their attendance at today's meeting.

**Approval of the October 18, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the October 18, 2012 meeting have been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the October 18, 2012 minutes as presented. Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the minutes approved as presented. Motion was seconded by Mr. Colgate. Ayes: Gray, Colgate, Palmer, Caruso, Davenport, Turner, Reed, Bernhardt, Clarke, Hazel.

**Committee Meeting Reports:**

**Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee:** Mr. Turner, Chairman of the Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee reported on the activities of the January 14, 2013 Committee meeting.

Ms. Jaime Sajecki gave an overview of the Bear Management Plan for 2012-2021.

Mr. Turner made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board endorse the Bear Management Plan for 2012-2021. It was seconded by Mr. Hazel.

Ayes: Gray, Colgate, Palmer, Caruso, Davenport, Turner, Reed, Bernhardt, Clarke, Hazel.

The Chairman revised the Agenda and asked Mr. Ed Clark to come to the podium to speak.

Mr. Ed Clark, President of The Wildlife Center of Virginia gave the Board an overview of the Wildlife Center and an update on a Bear Cub Rearing Facility that is being built.

**The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.**

Following the break the Chairman continued on with the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee reports.

Mr. Clarke made the following motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,000.00 over a two Fiscal year period to the Wildlife Center of Virginia in support of a bear den enclosure at the Waynesboro facility, in accordance with an MOA agreed to by the parties. The motion was seconded by Mr. Colgate. Ayes: Gray, Colgate, Palmer, Caruso, Davenport, Turner, Reed, Bernhardt, Clarke, Hazel.

Mr. Marc Puckett gave an overview of the Quail Program.

Mr. Ryan Brown gave an update on the Regulatory Reform.

**Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee:** Mr. Colgate, Chairman of the Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee, reported on the activities of the December 6, 2012 Committee meeting.

**Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee:** Ms. Caruso, Chairwoman of the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee, reported that the Committee had not met since the last Board meeting and announced the next meeting will be 2/26/13 at 2:00 pm. Ms. Caruso called on Mr. Ryan Brown for a 2013 Legislative Update.

The Board Chairman and Director thanked staff for their presentations and reports.

The Chairman revised the Agenda to move into the Closed Session and to move the Director and Chairman's remarks to after the Closed Session.

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

Mr. Gray made the following motion:

***Closed Meeting Motion  
January 29, 2013***

***Mr. Chairman,***

***I move that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries go into a closed meeting 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:***

- ***The Performance of the Director***

**It was seconded by Mr. Hazel. A vote was taken. Ayes: Gray, Colgate, Palmer, Caruso, Davenport, Turner, Reed, Bernhardt, Clarke, Hazel.**

The Board reconvened at 1:40 pm.

Mr. Gray moved the following Certification.

***Certification of Closed Meeting  
January 29, 2013***

***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 of Information Act; and***

***WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting as conducted in conformity with Virginia law;***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries here by 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. Clarke.***

***The Board Secretary conducted the following voice call vote:***

***Gray – Aye  
Colgate-Aye  
Palmer-Aye  
Caruso-Aye  
Davenport-Aye  
Turner-Aye  
Reed-Aye  
Bernhardt-Aye  
Clarke-Aye  
Hazel-Aye***

**Director's Report:**

The Director presented Colonel Dee Watts and Lee Walker with their 25 year service awards and thanked them for their service to the agency and the Commonwealth.

The Director reported on the following items:

- New Headquarters Status
- Level Pond Acquisition
- Lake Burke Dam Renovations
- Back Bay Dredging Project
- Boating Access "Grants to Localities" program

Chronic Waste Disease  
Wounded Warrior Waterfowl Hunt – Princess Anne WMA  
Hunter Recruitment and Hunter Retention

The Director called on Mr. Matt Koch to give an update on Hunter Recruitment and Retention.

The Chairman thanked the Director and Mr. Koch for their reports.

**Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman reported on the following items:

The Chairman thanked Jenny West and her Board for the reception.  
Requested that the Wildlife Foundation be added as an agenda item for Board meetings.  
Spoke on Hunter Recruitment and Retention.  
Appointed the 2014 Nominating Committee: Brent Clarke, Chairman, Garry Gray, Hugh Palmer, and Jimmy Hazel.  
Held a discussion on the Regulatory process.

**Additional Business/Comments:** The Chairman called for additional comments and /or business of the Board. Hearing none, The Chairman announced the next meeting date.

**Next Meeting Date:** March 20, 2013 beginning at 9:00 am.

**Adjournment:** The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn at 2:50 pm. With a motion, second, discussion, and an affirmative vote from **Gray, Colgate, Palmer, Caruso, Davenport, Turner, Reed, Bernhardt, Clarke, Hazel** the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ Frances Boswell