

**Board of Conservation and Recreation
Tuesday, December 16, 2014
Bear Creek Lake State Park**

Board of Conservation and Recreation Members Present

W. Bruce Wingo, Chair
Patricia A. Jackson
Michael P. Reynold
Isaac J. Sarver

Steve L. Apicella
Andrew C. Jennison
Daniel F. Rinzel
Alexander I. Vanegas

Board of Conservation and Recreation Members Not Present

James W. Beamer, Vice Chair
Harvey B. Morgan

Linwood M. Cobb, III
William E. Small

DCR Staff Present

Joe Elton
Craig Seaver
David Dowling
Danette Poole
Bill Conkle
Eric Houglan
Rochelle Altholz
Sharon Partee
Glen Scott
Tom Smith

Others Present

Lauren B. Schmitt, Virginia Campgrounds Association
Karl Littman, Virginia Campgrounds Association
Derrick Dick, Virginia Campgrounds Association

Call to Order and Introductions

Mr. Wingo called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present. He called for member, staff and guest introductions.

Welcome from Park Manager

Park Manager, Eric Houglan welcomed the Board to Bear Creek Lake State Park. Mr. Houglan said that the park was initially built in the 1930s as a forest recreation area. The dam was built to form the lake at that time. In 1962 a campground was added and the area became a

state park. Most park activities focus around the 40-acre lake. The park has 50 camp sites and 13 modern cabins.

Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2014

MOTION: Mr. Apicella moved that the minutes of the August 21, 2014 meeting of the Board of Conservation and Recreation be approved as submitted by staff.

SECOND: Ms. Jackson

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Director's Report

Mr. Elton gave the Director's Report on behalf of Mr. Cristman who was unable to attend.

Mr. Elton introduced Rochelle Altholz as the new Deputy Director of Administration and Finance. Ms. Altholz is helping the agency deal with the audit report and a number of necessary corrective measures. He said that substantial progress continued to be made.

Mr. Elton noted that Darryl Glover had been named Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

Mr. Elton noted that Governor McAuliffe would be presenting his budget to the General Assembly the following day. Agencies had the opportunity to provide feedback. He said that staff would update the Board following the Governor's presentation.

Planning and Recreation Resources Update

Ms. Poole gave the update for Planning and Recreation Resources.

Virginia Outdoors Plan

Virginia's 10th Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan

The following were finalized and distributed:

- Online document
- VOP Mapper
- Flash drives
- Executive summary
- Post card

The Virginia Outdoors Plan public outreach and statewide approach to planning is being looked at as a prototype for the Departments of Game and Inland Fisheries and Historic Resources statewide plans.

Of note:

- Governor's recognition of VOP Technical Advisory Committee – Sept. 9, 2014
- Scenic Virginia Creative Scenic Enhancement Award – Oct. 3, 2014
- Presentations:
 - Society of Outdoor Recreation Professionals, Environment Virginia, Planning District Annual Meeting, Coastal Zone Policy Meeting
- Regional annual update meetings held in 21 planning regions – May/Dec. 2014
- DCR partnering with Virginia Recreation and Parks Society (VRPS) to offer an ongoing series of webinars for outdoor recreational professionals.
 - October 6 – Virginia Outdoors Plan
 - January 27 – Economics of Outdoor Recreation
- VRPS weekly news highlighting Virginia Outdoors Plan information, planning research and DCR events

What's ahead for the VOP in 2015

- Meeting with the TAC in February
- Presenting on Virginia Water Trails and Public Access at the Society of Outdoor Recreation Conference in April
- Planning for the 2016 Virginia Outdoors Survey
- Annual updates with PDCs

Design and Construction

Projects completed

- Crow's Nest Walkway and canoe launch – substantially completed
- Lake Anna Emergency Drainfield
- High Bridge Prospect House

Ongoing projects

- Rehabilitation of 2 Dams at Pocahontas – design stage
- 4 Bathhouse Renovations (Maintenance Reserve) – construction estimated completion Spring 2015)
- Powhatan Campground
 - Design stage
 - Construction estimated Spring 2015
- Soil and Water Conservation District Dams
 - Lake Laura and Birdhaven

- Permits approved/awaiting easements
- Staunton River Battlefield
 - Mulberry Hill Renovations

New Work for 2015

- Cabin Design at 6 State Parks
 - \$7.45M approved in Pool Process
 - Construction estimated Summer 2015
- Widewater Phase 1
 - \$7.5M approved in 2013 General Assembly
 - Design Phase
- Chippokes/Walnut Valley Farm Upgrades

\$54 Million in Capital Projects

- Planning & Design – Widewater Phase 1: \$7.5M
- Planning & Design – Powhatan Campground \$4M
- Planning & Design – Powhatan Road improvement: \$3M
- Planning & Design – Approx. 18 cabins at 6 State Parks: \$7.5M
- Renovation of various bathhouses: MR funds \$2.2M
- Completion of Soil and Water Conservation District Dams: \$15M

Recreational Grants

Land and Water Conservation Fund

- 2014 Project selections approved by DCR & National Park Service
 - City of Alexandria, Eugene Simpson Park Playground and Open Space Area \$200,000
 - Fauquier County, Central Sports Complex, \$421,404
 - Virginia Department of Forestry, Matthews State Forest (Grayson County) Recreation Area. \$421,404
 - Approximately \$1 million for 2015 grant cycle – Anticipated grant cycle announcement late December 2014

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

- Nationally competitive grant program where state nominations compete against each other for funding
- Commonwealth of Virginia nominated the NovaParks' (Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority) Children's Garden at Meadowlark Botanical Garden
- Grant Amount Requested: \$400,000
- National Park Service is still reviewing applications

Recreational Trails Program

- 2014 Projects approved by DCR & Federal Highway Administration
 - Henrico County, Tuckahoe Creek Trail, \$285,000
 - City of Danville, Riverwalk-Sandy River, \$200,000
 - Amherst County, Riveredge Park Trail, \$199,688
- 2014 Projects pending approval
 - Town of Chincoteague, Hallie Whealton Trail, \$43,000
 - Mount Rogers NRA, Valley Divide \$100,000
 - US Forest Service, Lee Ranger District Tasker's Gap Motorized Trail System, \$64,312
 - Grayson County, Grayson County Park Trails, \$166,760
 - US Forest Service, Straight Branch Bridge Trail, \$67,500
 - Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition, North River Trails Enhancement III, \$198,223
 - SK8Crozet, Crozet Park Trail, \$114,276
 - DCR-Natural Heritage, Cleveland Barren Natural Area Preserve Trails, \$70,000
 - Campbell County, English Park Trails, \$64,800
 - Surry County, Gray's Creek Trail, \$115,076

Approximately \$1 million for 2015 grant cycle
RTP categorical requirements dictate:

- 30% for non-motorized trails
- 30% for motorized trails
- 40% for diversified trails

Next grant announcement: late January 2015

Virginia Scenic Rivers

Dan River – Halifax County

- 38.6 miles
- Field work June 2014
- Meets minimum criteria
- Support of County, South Boston and Pittsylvania County
- Primary Assets – remoteness, no development, flora and fauna, and recreational assets

Clinch River – Tazewell County

- 30.3 miles
- Field work April 2014
- Meets minimum criteria
- No support yet from the towns of Richlands and Cedar Bluff nor the County

- Primary Assets – natural heritage resources, expansive views, curving alignment, and variable landscape from remote to developed

Lower Appomattox River

- Concern for river due to recent permit changes for low water releases at Bransfield Dam
- Gathering information for concerned citizens
- Possible new scenic river committee, working with FOLAR

Next evaluation: Rapidan, Spring 2015

Public Access to Waterways

The second most needed recreation opportunity in Virginia.

Tools for enhancement: Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement

The strategy for protecting and restoring the Chesapeake Bay Watershed established a watershed-wide public access goal to “increase public access to the Bay and its tributaries by adding 300 new public access sites by 2025.”

Governor’s Treasure-A-Day Initiative: 1,460 treasures, 4 years

A treasure is any of the following:

- A permanent land protection project (acquisition or conservation easement) that protects natural, cultural or historic assets
- A recreational asset such as a new park, trail, water access site, garden, arboretum, playground
- A designation action such as a new state or national historic register, scenic river or byway, recreational use agreement, new or restored habitat for wildlife watching/viewing – all of which must be publicly accessible

State Park Master Planning

Planned for 2015

- Kiptopeke, Claytor Lake, False Cape, First Landing, Leesylvania, Mason Neck, Middle Peninsula, Sky Meadows, Staunton River Battlefield, York River
- Breaks Interstate Park (first state assisted master plan)

Natural Tunnel State Park

Mr. Conkle presented the proposed Master Plan Update for Natural Tunnel State Park.

From the Executive Summary:

This Natural Tunnel State Park Master Plan Executive Summary is an update to the official unabridged master plan document adopted on May 16, 2000, by Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Director David G. Brickley. The master plan was amended on June 10, 2009, by DCR Director Joseph H. Maroon. The original master plan for Natural Tunnel State Park was written in 1971 by Hayes, Seay, Mattern and Mattern Architects and Engineers, Roanoke, Virginia. This master plan update is intended to set forth a clear vision for the future (based on the phased development). This 2014 executive summary represents the most recent five-year review described in §10.1-200.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. It outlines the desired future condition for Natural Tunnel State Park when it is fully developed.

Natural Tunnel State Park is located in Scott County on State Route 871, Natural Tunnel Parkway, approximately one-mile northeast of Route 23. The Park is 13 miles north of Gate City and twenty miles north of Kingsport, Tennessee, five miles from Duffield and twenty miles south of Big Stone Gap, Virginia. The park is located in the Clinchport and Duffield quadrangles of Scott County, Virginia.

A full version of the Executive Summary is available at this link:

http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/documents/mp4ntexecsum.pdf

MOTION: Ms. Jackson moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation endorse the Master Plan Update for Natural Tunnel State Park as presented by staff.

SECOND: Mr. Sarver

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Bear Creek Lake State Park

Mr. Conkle presented the Executive Summary for Bear Creek Lake State Park.

This Bear Creek Lake State Park Master Plan Executive Summary is an update to the official unabridged master plan document adopted on December 6, 2002, then amended on April 28, 2009, by DCR Director Joseph H. Maroon. This master plan update is intended to set forth a clear vision for the future (based on the phased development). This 2014 executive summary represents the most recent five-year review described in §10.1-200.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. It outlines the desired future condition for Bear Creek Lake State Park when it is fully developed.

Bear Creek Lake State Park consists of some 328.7 acres nestled in the heart of the 16,242-acre Cumberland State Forest in central Virginia's Cumberland County. The park is located 4.5 miles northwest of the Town of Cumberland. Access is from U.S. Route 60.

The property today known as Bear Creek Lake State Park was originally acquired from private citizens around 1932 by the United States Department of Agriculture under the Federal Resettlement Administration. In 1939 the State Forest Service took over management of the property. In 1940 it was opened as a “State Recreation Area” with concession, bathhouse facilities, and boat rental. In 1962 the property became a state park. Providing recreational opportunities to the public was a major consideration behind the establishment of Bear Creek Lake State Park in the earliest days, and this continues to be a focus of efforts today.

The full version of the Bear Creek Lake Master Plan Executive Summary is available at this link:

http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/recreational_planning/documents/mp4bcexecsum.pdf

Mr. Rinzel asked how signage was determined for state parks.

Mr. Elton said that signage issues are handled by the Virginia Department of Transportation and that DCR has ongoing discussions regarding signage for parks.

MOTION: Mr. Rinzel moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation endorse the Bear Creek Lake State Park Master Plan Executive Summary as presented by staff.

SECOND: Ms. Jackson

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

State Parks Update

Mr. Seaver gave the report for the Division of State Parks.

Mr. Seaver addressed the following State Park initiatives.

- Partnership for Parks
- Virginia Correctional Enterprise
- DMV “Drive for Parks” Partnership
- Fee Adjustments – “Virginia Resident Discounts”
- Natural Play Areas Grant with NPRA
- Best Practices Working Group

Mr. Seaver said that Mr. Elton would discuss the Partnership for Parks initiative.

Mr. Seaver said that State Parks is working with Virginia Correctional Enterprises to work on a number of areas including the linen provision for state park cabins. Other possible

collaborations include building campsite amenities such as grills and doing preliminary work on cabin construction for items that can be transported to the parks and installed. He said it is a partnership that is being revisited by this Administration and that there are quality products that can be used in the parks.

Mr. Seaver said another project is with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Other states such as Montana, Michigan and Kansas offer a similar program that allows drivers to register their vehicle and purchase a State Parks' pass at the same time. The potential proceeds would be used for maintenance and other programs. This option would be available online beginning in May, 2015.

Mr. Apicella suggested that this be initiated with the private sector including outdoor sporting goods stores. Mr. Seaver said that the current approach was a phased approach.

Mr. Elton noted that as part of the Partnership in Parks the Virginia Parks Association and Virginia Garden Club are pursuing the idea of a State Park license plate.

Mr. Seaver said that there was a concern that the license plate might dilute the choice for the passes.

Mr. Seaver said that with regard to fee adjustments DCR would be offering "Virginia Resident Discounts." There will be about a 15% differential for out of state vs. in state rentals. There will also be a pilot project for an out of state parking fee. Staff will be monitoring that closely.

Ms. Jackson asked about the percentage of out of state visitors.

Mr. Elton said that about 40% of overnight visitors are out of state, but that there were no clear numbers regarding day use by out of state visitors.

Mr. Seaver said that DCR has applied for three grants for Natural Play Areas through the National Parks and Recreation Association. A Natural Play Area is not the traditional playground. It is a discovery area that takes natural materials to develop play areas for children. If received the grant will allow the construction of about three more areas.

Mr. Seaver said that the Best Practices continue to work. A new group is called the Diversity Project. This group will address diversity to determine what parks can do to better serve those populations that may have different cultural backgrounds. The group will also look at recruiting for park employees.

Mr. Seaver reviewed the following statistics for Parks.

Revenue Comparison

FY2014	
Revenue:	\$7,730,354.73
Expenditures:	\$9,753,776.42

FY2015
Revenue: \$7,681,192.57
Expenditures: \$9,608,650.71

Attendance Comparison

YTV 2013	8,584,903	\$200,621,611
YTD 2014	8,570,410	\$199,925,452

Mr. Seaver talked about Parks “On-line and progress with social media.

73,000 Facebook Fans

Over 39,000 E-News subscribers

Reservation 47.59% now made on-line, 89,158 reservations

Your Comments Counts Survey – 14,000 received vs. 9,000 last year.

Mr. Seaver said that two of six miles of the Richmond Regional Ride Center Gateway Trail have been completed.

Mr. Seaver gave an Ameri Corps Update

34 Interpretive Staff

17 Corps Member-Resource Management

2015 Proposed Program

21st Century Conservation Service Corps

- Ages 15-25 (Veterans up to 35)
- Career Development Strategy
- Statewide Program
- Project Diversity

10 Month Program: \$12,530 in living expenses, \$5,730 in educational stipend

Mr. Elton said that the Partnership with Parks was a project of the Virginia Parks and Recreation Association and the Virginia Garden Club. He noted that Mr. Wingo is a member of the steering committee for the Partnership with Parks.

The campaign is the centennial project of the Garden Club of Virginia. They will celebrate their centennial in 2020. They are committed to raising \$5 million in five years. The project is

designed to renovate and create new technology based exhibits for park visitor centers. The focus will be to help explain stewardship of Virginia's natural resources. All parks will have a component of this.

Mr. Elton said that the 6-year campaign, endorsed by Governor Terry McAuliffe and the First Lady Dorothy McAuliffe, will result in a total of 13 state park visitor centers with new, innovative and engaging exhibits that will interpret our state's cultural and natural history for all ages while promoting a healthy active outdoor lifestyle for our citizens.

Natural Heritage Update

Mr. Smith gave the update for the Division of Natural Heritage.

Natural Heritage Program Re-Benchmark 2014

In 2002

- 48 full time positions
- 1,368 natural heritage conservation sites
- 34 Natural Area Preserves

In 2014

- 40 full time positions
- 2,007 natural heritage conservation sites
- 61 Natural Area Preserves (added 35,538 acres)

- Virginia's population increased by over 1 million
- 2002 budget adjusted for inflation \$2.7 M – thus the NHP 2014 budget is \$237K behind 2002 budget
- 2011 Virginia Outdoors Survey – 4th most popular outdoor activity – Visiting Natural Areas
- 8,455 natural community, biologically diverse streams and rare species population to monitor
 - Able to visit ~250/year
- 4,100 caves and increasing citizen demands related to disease, stormwater, sinkhole pollution conflicts
- 2,200 information requests/year and increasing

Re-benchmark – Natural Area Preserves

- SW Region: 9 NAPs, 2 Public Access Facilities; add Cedars and Cleveland Barrens with additional resources
- Mountain Region: 11 NAPs, 3 Public Access Facilities; add Difficult Creek, & Pedlar Hills with additional resources
- Shenandoah Valley Region: 9 NAPs, 1 Public Access Facility; add Deep Run Ponds with additional resources

- Northern Region: 4 NAPs, 2 Public Access Facilities
- Chesapeake Bay Region: 8 NAPs, 7 Public Access Fac.
- Southeast Region: 11 NAPs, 2 Access; add Antioch Pines & Blackwater Ecological Preserve with additional resources
- Eastern Shore Region: 9 NAPs, 4 Access

Re-Benchmark – Staffing

- Re-Benchmark Staffing Need: 26 New FTE \$2,417,090 (salary & operating costs)

Examples of Recent Management Challenges

- Chesapeake Bay Region Steward Position vacant due to lack of funds – 8 NAPs
- Poaching at Crow’s Nest (out of season and trespass turkey hunting)
- Illegal trash dumping and drug use on North Landing River (filled industrial dumpster)
- Illegal artifact hunting at Savage Neck Dunes
- Off-road truck damage to rare wetland habitat at Cherry Orchard Bog
- Landowner complaints at Ogden Cave (nearest operations staff three hours away)
- Spray paint graffiti at Crow’s Nest, Buffalo Mountain

Mr. Smith said that limited staff and resources continue to be a hindrance to providing the high quality of service Virginians expect from DCR’s Virginia Natural Heritage Program.

MOTION: Mr. Apicella moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation draft a resolution in support of the rebenchmarking for the Virginia Natural Heritage Program.

SECOND: Mr. Sarver

DISCUSSION: Staff will draft a resolution for the Chairman’s approval and signature.

State Parks Project Fund

Ms. Altholz gave an update regarding the audit. She said that there had been several concerns that her Division was addressing these and developing appropriate policies.

Ms. Altholz noted that the Conflict of Interest training and filing by staff and board members was one of the 93 audit points. She said that staff from DCR Human Resources would be contacting Board members to assist in the filing process.

The next audit will be in April, 2015.

Ms. Partee reviewed the State Parks Project Fund. She noted that this fund was not an audit point, but it was noted that the project requests should be coming to the Board for approval. Previously this had been done, but the process had ceased in recent years.

Ms. Partee cited § 10.1-202 of the *Code of Virginia* dealing with “Gifts, funds, and fees designated for state parks; establishment of funds.”

Ms. Partee noted that this fund had previously not been on the state accounting system but was being transferred accordingly. The fund is at the control of the Director, but expended with the advice of the Board. She said that DCR wished to begin the process of bringing project requests back to the Board.

Ms. Partee noted that the list of current projects was provided in member packets.

Mr. Elton noted that this fund was a remnant of an earlier program, the Virginia State Parks Foundation. Initially the Foundation was established because the General Assembly believed there needed to be a vehicle to allow parks to accept contributions. There were challenges with managing the funds and with receiving corporate donations.

Mr. Scott reviewed the following list of projects.

State Parks Project Fund Obligations and Cash Balance November 29, 2014		
PARK	OBLIGATIONS	DESCRIPTION
Caledon	63,098.84	Bequest
High Bridge Trail	500.00	Donation for Env. Education
New River Trail	16,980.31	Corporate and individual donations for Dannelly Fitness Trail
New River Trail	21,371.92	Equestrian Center from donations/advertising
New River Trail	158,188.99	General Improvements (mostly from Duke Power Company)
Shenandoah River	1,475.00	Gary Burton Memorial for park use
Staunton River Battlefield/Mulberry Hill	7,994.00	Project Completed. Expenses need to be transferred to this funding source
SWVA Museum	75,000.00	Slemp Education Endowment
SWVA Museum	5,332.98	Interest (mostly from Slemp Foundation)
SWVA Museum	22,839.59	Slemp funding for exhibits
SWVA Museum	413.83	Donations for misc. projects

SWVA Museum	30,780.54	Slemp funding for appraisal of museum artifact collection and collection management
SWVA Museum	15,957.24	Slemp annual operational support
SWVA Museum	418.93	Christmas Festival of Trees from corporate and individual donations
Staunton River Battlefield	30,000.00	Archeological Investigation from Old Dominion Electric Coop. project not completed
Wilderness Road	1,943.26	From misc. donations
Wilderness Road	28,625.13	Slemp funding for Visitor Center
Historic Registration	1,378.00	Projects completed need to reimburse GF
	483,298.56	Total Obligations
	491,109.25	November 29, 2014 Cash Balance in Fund
	7,810.69	Unobligated amount

Mr. Scott asked that the Board approve them as submitted. He said that some of the projects were quite old, but some were from recently acquired funds.

MOTION: Ms. Jackson moved that the list of Virginia State Parks Project Fund projects be approved as submitted by staff.

SECOND: Mr. Sarver

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Ms. Altholz asked the Board to consider a motion that would allow staff to move ahead should a donation come in for a specific purpose. This would allow the project to begin and be reported to the Board at the next meeting.

MOTION: Ms. Jackson moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation authorize the Director or his designee to move forward with state park projects should a donation be received that is earmarked for a specific purpose. That action and project would be reported to the Board at the next meeting.

SECOND: Mr. Reynold

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Other Business

MOTION: Mr. Vanegas moved that the Board of Conservation and Recreation approve resolutions of appreciation for Mark Smith and Andrea Young as presented by staff.

SECOND: Mr. Reynold

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously

Text of the approved resolutions is as follows:

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
BOARD OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Presented to

MARK E. SMITH

At a regular meeting of the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at Bear Creek Lake State Park in Cumberland, Virginia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, Mark E. Smith was appointed by Governor Tim Kaine to serve as a member of the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation from 2006 through 2010, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was reappointed by Governor Bob McDonnell to serve as a member of the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation from 2010 through 2014, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith served as Chair of the Board of Conservation and Recreation from August 1, 2008 through April 23, 2013,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation recognizes and applauds Mr. Smith for his commitment to the recreational and natural resources of the Commonwealth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this date, December 16, 2014, the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation establishes a public record of their deep appreciation for Mr. Smith's years of service.

William B. Wingo
Chairman

Clyde E. Cristman
Director

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION
BOARD OF CONSERVATION AND RECREATION

Presented to

Andrea Young

At a regular meeting of the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at Bear Creek Lake State Park in Cumberland, Virginia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, Andre Young was appointed by Governor Bob McDonnell to serve as a member of the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation from 2010 through 2014, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Young served as Vice-Chair of the Board of Conservation and Recreation from April 23, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation recognizes and applauds Ms. Young for her commitment to the recreational and natural resources of the Commonwealth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that on this date, December 16, 2014, the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation establishes a public record of their deep appreciation for Ms. Young's years of service.

William B. Wingo
Chairman

Clyde E. Cristman
Director

Ms. Jackson noted that 2016 would be the 80th year for Virginia State Parks and the 100th year for National Parks. She suggested that it would be good to tie the events together.

Mr. Elton said that some plans were already in the works for June 15, 2016 to celebrate the anniversaries.

New Business

Mr. Wingo suggested that he would like to see an award from the Board for DCR employees, perhaps a division of the year employee or something similar.

The idea will be considered for future discussion.

Public Comment

Ms. Schmitt thanked the Board for allowing the Virginia Campground Association to participate in the meeting.

Next Meeting

Mr. Wingo suggested that the Board consider a meeting at Shenandoah State Park in the spring to see the new zip line program. He suggested that the August meeting could be at New River Trail around the time of the Fiddler's Convention.

Adjourn

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Bruce Wingo
Chair

Clyde E. Cristman
Director