

Draft Minutes

Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF)
Adjourned MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
James Madison's Montpelier, Montpelier Station, VA
September 11, 2008

Trustees present: Chairman, Mr. Frank M. Hartz, presiding; Mr. Mark Allen; Dr. M. Rupert Cutler; Mr. Charles H. Seilheimer, Jr.; Mr. Jeffrey K. Walker; Ms. Molly Joseph Ward and Mr. Harry Atherton.

VOF staff present: G. Robert Lee, Executive Director; Leslie Grayson, Deputy Director; Tamara Vance, Deputy Director; Ms. Martha Little, Deputy Director; Melissa Collier, Stewardship Manager; Mr. Bruce Stewart, Staff Counsel, Easements; Mr. Kerry Hutcherson Staff Counsel Stewardship; Sara Ensley, Human Resources Manager; Ruth Babylon, Easement Specialist; Sherry Buttrick, Easement Manager; Bobbie Cabibbo, Executive Assistant; Ms. Anna Chisholm, Finance Manager; Kristin Ford, Easement Specialist; Josh Gibson, Easement Specialist; Neal Kilgore, Easement Specialist; Joe Kuhn, Stewardship Specialist; Anna Clayton Logan, Easement Assistant; Jeff Matthews, Technology Manager; Jen Perkins, Easement Specialist; John Peters, Stewardship Specialist; Catherine Redfearn, Stewardship Assistant; Phillip Reed, Easement Specialist; Andrea Reese, Stewardship Specialist; Erika Richardson, Stewardship Specialist; Renee Russell, Communications and Outreach; Amanda Scheps, Stewardship Specialist; George Sutton, Easement Assistant; Ms. Estie Thomas, Easement Manager; Ms. Laura Thurman, Easement Manager; Ryan Walker, Stewardship Specialist; Erin Wilson, Stewardship Assistant

Also in attendance were: Nikki Rovner, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources; Fred Fisher, Attorney General's Office; Brett Ellsworth, Assistant Attorney General; from Piedmont Environmental: Rex Linville, Land Conservation Officer for Albemarle and Greene Counties; Todd Benson, Fauquier Land Use Field Officer; from the VA Department Conservation and Recreation: Sara Richardson, Land Conservation Coordinator; Diane Dunaway, Land Conservation Analyst; representing Norfolk Southern, Beth Burgin; Associate at Woods Rogers; Ned Carter, Blueline Conservation Incentives; Susan Allen Cable, Blue Ridge Foothills Conservancy; Pete Henderson, Virginia Eastern Shore Land Trust

The meeting convened at 10:12 a.m.

Michael C. Quinn, President of The Montpelier Foundation, welcomed the group to the facility.

The order of business was approved.

Robert Lee, Executive Director introduced Leslie Grayson, Deputy Director.

Ms. Grayson presented VOF Owned Lands, Using all the Tools in the Toolbox (copy available by request). Discussion and questions followed the presentation.

Robert Lee introduced a Resolution to reduce the time, from 2 years to 1 year, a potential easement donor has to record the easement after approval by the VOF Board. After discussion, Mr. Lee agreed to make changes and bring the Resolution (s) to the October meeting.

Meeting adjourned for lunch.

Meeting reconvened for a discussion on Policy - including railways and roads. It was agreed that staff would continue to consult with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, to notify and elicit comment in the case where a potential easement has an existing rail line on it.

Meeting adjourned.