

**FINAL MINUTES**

Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Virginia State Capitol, Senate Room 3  
Richmond, Virginia  
May 21, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Board) convened at approximately 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, 2015, in the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond, Virginia. President Sturgis called the meeting to order. At the President's request, Mr. Mills gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**

The Board Secretary called the roll:

**PRESENT**

O. Bryan Taliaferro, Jr.  
Steve Sturgis  
Shelley Barlow  
Robert J. Mills, Jr.  
L. Wayne Kirby  
Kay Johnson Smith  
Dr. Mark A. McCann  
John R. Marker  
Elizabeth L. White  
Kevin J. Kordek  
Dr. Jewel Hairston  
Dr. Alan Grant

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Pesticides – Commercial Agricultural  
Pesticides – Commercial Structural  
Representing Virginia State University  
Representing Virginia Tech

**ABSENT**

Rosalea R. Potter 6<sup>th</sup>  
L. Kirk Wiles, III 11<sup>th</sup>

**VACANT**

Position Not Filled 4<sup>th</sup>

**STAFF PRESENT**

Sandra J. Adams, Commissioner  
Kevin E. Schmidt, Board Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Taliaferro identified a small grammatical error in the minutes on page three that was noted and corrected. Mr. Mills moved that the corrected draft minutes of the meeting on March 19, 2015, be approved. Ms. White seconded the motion, and it was passed by a unanimous vote.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Sturgis turned the gavel over to Commissioner Adams, who opened the floor for nominations for Board President.

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Mr. Mills nominated Mr. Sturgis for President, and Mr. Kordek seconded the nomination. There being no other nominations, Commissioner Adams then called for a vote on the nominee, and the Board elected Mr. Sturgis as President by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Adams then returned the gavel to President Sturgis, who opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Marker nominated Mr. Mills for Vice President, and Mr. Kordek seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, President Sturgis then called for a vote on the nominee, and the Board elected Mr. Mills as Vice President by a unanimous vote.

President Sturgis then called for nominations for Secretary. President Sturgis nominated Mr. Schmidt for Secretary, and Mr. Mills seconded the motion. There being no other nominations, President Sturgis then called for a vote on the nominee, and the Board elected Mr. Schmidt as Secretary by a unanimous vote.

(All three officer positions become effective July 1, 2015, and run through June 30, 2016.)

### **REPORT FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

#### **Dr. Jewel Hairston**

Dr. Hairston reported that Virginia State University (VSU) had its largest graduating class this year, with almost 700 undergraduate and 16 doctoral candidates. The College of Agriculture also had one of its largest graduating classes. She said that VSU President Hammond is encouraging staff to reach enrollment goals and stabilize budgets, which VSU is striving to do so that it can move into the next academic year smoothly and on target. The College of Agriculture is continuing its work with hops producers and will be starting its first research projects on hops production with Virginia craft breweries. The College of Agriculture is also continuing its work on chickpeas and the connection with Sabra Dipping Company. Dr. Hairston encouraged everyone to view the documentary on food deserts across Virginia entitled “Living in a Food Desert” that VSU produced in partnership with Virginia Tech. The documentary may be found on You Tube. She also announced that VSU will be welcoming Dr. Ray McKinney as the new associate administrator for Cooperative Extension. Dr. McKinney recently retired from North Carolina A&T after 30 years with the school.

#### **Dr. Alan Grant**

Dr. Grant reported that Virginia Tech (VT) also recently held its spring commencement activities and was pleased to have an increased number of students walking across the stage. Enrollment has increased at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. He shared that job placements for recent graduates appear to be strong, which corresponds with the recent U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) report showing that there are not enough students graduating from agricultural colleges and universities to meet demand. VT expects a record number of incoming freshmen at the university and in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for the upcoming academic year. This has resulted in some challenges, including classroom space, but he said that it is a good problem to have. He also mentioned that there is increased interest in colleges of agriculture and life sciences nationwide. Dr. Grant reminded the Board that the season of field days is approaching and that many of those field days will take place at the agricultural research and extension centers. He announced that the Virginia State Dairymen’s Association and Virginia Cattlemen’s Association are coming together this summer to hold their annual field day and central meeting at Kentland Farms, which is about eight miles west of the Virginia Tech campus. VT will use this as an opportunity to hold its

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grand opening for the new Dairy Science complex at Kentland Farm. He acknowledged that VT has been discussing the dairy relocation for several years now and stated that the herd should be relocated to Kentland Farms by mid-June. The grand opening will be on July 17, 2015. Dr. Grant also announced that VT selected a new provost to replace Dr. Mark McNamee, who served as provost at Virginia Tech since 2001. The new provost is Dr. Thanassis Rikakis, previously employed at Carnegie Mellon. He stated that Dr. Rikakis is a promoter of interdisciplinary work across research and teaching. Dr. Rikakis will begin on August 16, 2015.

### **Robert Mills**

Mr. Mills reported that conditions in his district are now dry, a change from the last meeting, when there was too much rain. They did recently have rain in Pittsylvania County, and although it was not much, every little bit helps. Producers in his district are well into hay season, and the fescue is leaving quickly because of the 90-degree temperatures and the lack of rainfall. He said that producers are mowing as hard as they can to capture the best plant possible. He reported that the tobacco is approximately 98 percent planted in his district and that it was one of the best tobacco planting seasons to date, as they did not have to stop for rain or thunderstorms. He said there is some concern about the wheat with the drought right now, as it is starting to bloom, and they are uncertain about the crop at this time. He mentioned that a lot of small grains are being harvested for hay because hay supplies will be short. With present commodity prices being low for wheat and high for calves, farmers have decided to run the wheat through the cattle instead of the combine. Mr. Mills said there are some beans in his district, but the dry May is going to be tough on the no-till beans. Many farmers have stopped planting because it is so dry that they cannot get the plant in the ground.

### **John Marker**

Mr. Marker reported that his district is fortunate because, while they have had some hot weather, they also have enough moisture. He said that cattle farmers were glad to see the spring and the grass starting because they were getting short on hay. He stated that there should be plenty of hay on this first cutting and that the pasture is growing well. Farmers are just now starting on the first hay cutting. He said that almost all of the corn has been planted and roughly 60 percent or more of the soybeans are planted as well. The wheat crop looks excellent, although he is not sure if it will be run through the combine or the cattle. As far as fruit production, there is good bloom on both the apples and the peaches. He reported that there was a small amount of winter damage on peaches but everything looks good otherwise. Farmers are currently in the process of chemically thinning apples and will begin hand thinning peaches on Monday. He said it looks like there is potential for a good fruit crop.

### **O. Bryan Taliaferro, Jr.**

Mr. Taliaferro introduced himself and explained that his district covers the Northern Neck and the Middle Peninsulas. He reported that his district needs rain but is not desperate. He stated that the wheat crop is developing well and that they are anticipating a good wheat yield. Corn planting is mostly complete, and soybean full season planting is well along. He said that the problem this year will be prices from the grain sector. Grain prices have declined to a level where these prices are putting pressure on production cost and on yields in order to be able to make a profit. He noted that the Governor announced record agricultural exports last year, which he hopes will continue. He stated that it will be difficult to continue the record export numbers with the current lower commodity prices given the reduced value of the exports. He stated that he and others in the soybean export business have benefited from VDACS' good work building exports and markets for some of the

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grains that go overseas and that he hopes the agency does everything possible to continue these efforts.

### **Dr. Mark McCann**

Dr. McCann reported that his district went from a cool wet April to a seasonal, but dry, May. This weather change helped some crops and hindered others. Cool season pastures were slow to mature, but the recent drier, warmer period in May caused them to mature rather quickly. He stated that a few farmers are starting to make hay. The hay stores in the district are going to be fairly low, so there is some pressure to have a good hay season to make up for all of the hay fed over the winter. He said there is much excitement and optimism because cattle prices are still good and, as other members reported, grain prices are low. In his area, the livestock producers are able to take advantage of this situation because they are the consumers and not the producers. The dry weather in May has allowed them to be a little further ahead in planting silage corn than they typically would be due to the drier, better planting conditions. He noted that all in all, cattle prices are good and people are smiling. He added that farmers' market season is kicking off in his district and that in neighboring Pulaski County, there has been talk of how many more people have visited the market over the last three or four years.

### **Kevin Kordek**

Mr. Kordek reported that two members of the Virginia Pest Management Association (VPMA) staff were currently in Blacksburg teaching a master tech program to 35 pest control experts in Virginia as part of a series on bedbugs, mosquitos, roaches, and termites. He shared that termite season was a non-starter, which is a big part of the annual revenues for the industry. He was pleased to announce that House Bill 1516, sponsored by Delegate David Bulova, passed the House and Senate and is now a new program in Virginia. There will be a bill signing with the Governor in the State Capitol on June 4, 2015, which is another first for the VPMA. He credited Katie Frazier and the Virginia Agribusiness Council's legislative reception because the necessary relationships with the legislators were formed at the event. He stated that at the national level, there have been major changes at the headquarters of the National Pest Management Association (NPMA). Missy Henriksen, who has been the NPMA public relations arm for the last seven years, is leaving for a job working for landscapers in the wine business. He said that she will be missed and will be difficult to replace because she did such a great job. He also announced that Dean Harrington, who was the Vice President of Legislative Affairs also recently left for another job in the green industry. NPMA did hire a replacement for him, but Mr. Kordek mentioned that replacing 20 years of experience in a position like that will be difficult. He said that Bob Rosenberg, the Executive Vice President of the NPMA, has announced that he will retire at the end of June. Mr. Kordek stated that the NPMA will be in a state of flux at the national level but the good news is that he was reelected to the Board of Directors of the NPMA and will be able to assist with the transition.

### **Elizabeth White**

Ms. White reported that between July 1, 2014, and May 8, 2015, the Office of Pesticide Services conducted 1,411 inspections and 62 investigations, responded to 10 citizen assistance requests, and reviewed and approved 321 pesticide safety education programs. She stated that the 2015 Pesticide Disposal Program will take place in 10 counties, which are listed on the VDACS website. In addition, the Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program will take place in July and again in November. She said that information on collection locations can also be found on the VDACS website.

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### **Shelley Barlow**

Ms. Barlow reported that things in the southeast are good and echoed other Board member's comments on the changes in weather since the last meeting. Cotton planting is almost complete and most of the peanuts are in the ground. Farmers are currently planting soybeans and so far things are looking pretty good. She said that small grains are in good shape and there has been an increase in the amount of grain sorghum planted in her area because of some pricing opportunities. This has resulted in her seeing sorghum where she has not seen it planted before. On the direct marketing side, she reported that the strawberry season has been tremendous but will be over quickly because of the hot weather. Her biggest concern is price, because cotton and grain prices cannot sustain any kind of a rise and the fluctuations are frustrating. She would like to see some improvements in the prices. She mentioned that she saw the food desert documentary mentioned by Dr. Hairston and that it was excellent. She stated that she will be participating with an extension grant program in her area, initially focusing on education and the promotion of buying local vegetables and fruit. She hopes that the second part of the project will be a mobile farmers' market. She said that she will be participating in the program as one of many produce farmers and will also be participating through a local non-profit. Ms. Barlow reported that she had the opportunity to visit an existing mobile farmers' market in Washington, DC, the prior week during a Virginia Agricultural Leaders Obtaining Results trip to the region. The trip included meetings at USDA and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and with Senator Warner and Senator Kaine's staff. They also had the opportunity to see some of the interesting and diverse agriculture in Northern Virginia. She mentioned that she is concerned that there is so much misleading information about agriculture in the media right now and that she spends a lot of time trying to find scientific information to support the things that she is doing related to agriculture. She encouraged her fellow Board members to take advantage of any opportunity to speak to the public about agriculture from their perspective of direct involvement in agriculture. She added that there is an increase in misleading and incorrect information provided to the public and that people just do not understand agriculture. She stated that farmers need to be the ones to help them understand.

### **L. Wayne Kirby**

Mr. Kirby reported that his district has been extremely dry. The hay crop from the first cutting was good. He stated that vegetables are off to a slow start because of the cool weather. Mr. Kirby said that anyone in his district who has a center-pivot irrigation system has been running it, although by starting so early, it will really increase production costs. Most of the center pivots in his area are removing water from the Pamunkey River, which might start looking quite dry as a result. He reports that the corn is off to a reasonably good start, with side dressing about to take place on most of it. He said that some farmers have stopped planting soybeans because it is so dry that they cannot get them in the ground, but he is hopeful that the recent rain will help. He added that the wheat crop is somewhere in between bad and good and has potential but will need water.

### **Kirk Wiles**

Secretary Schmidt read the following report submitted by Mr. Wiles via email:

Members of the Board, my sincerest apologies for missing this meeting and the last. I hope everyone is doing well. My work schedule has been hectic to say the least. Opportunity has arisen for me to take our Virginia wines into the heart of California to not only promote our brand but the Virginia wine region as a whole. This opportunity has had me traveling frequently between coasts and it seems that our meetings have coincided with obligations I have not been able to move. I wanted to give everyone an update from my district. Bud break has occurred in the vineyards at a

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relatively normal time this year. It looks as though we have avoided any potential frost event, which is a relief to everyone in the grape growing industry. There is a lot of chatter of new vineyards being planted this year, which is a great sign for our industry. We personally have planted another 13 acres. Agro-tourism remains strong at wineries and the industry is hopefully looking forward to another record year. In our district, the first farm brewery in Fairfax County was set to break ground. It came with much opposition from both neighbors and the County. Ultimately, neighbors put so much pressure on the owner, that he decided to move it further out to Prince William County. I was a major supporter of him bringing another farm to our district since we have so few. I believe this episode highlighted the conflict of urban development and true agriculture where there is a disconnect between citizens ultimately knowing where and how our foods and products are produced and ultimately brought to our table. The outcome of this brewery attempting to open has caused Fairfax County to look closely at their zoning regulations and how they can put into place a process for breweries and wineries to open in the future. This is problematic for both the wine and beer industries and there is potential for the county to pass an ordinance that is in conflict with state law. I will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates to the board as they develop. I look forward to seeing everyone at the summer meeting.

### **Steve Sturgis**

Mr. Sturgis reported that at the last meeting, they were all talking about how it was so wet that they could hardly plant potatoes in his district and now they are absolutely gorgeous. He said that they are catching up because of the warm weather and moisture but that they have now switched over to irrigation. He stated that soybean planting is going well and that many people are still finishing up the final planting of corn. He shared that the good news in his district is the strawberry industry. He spoke with Mike Cullipher of Virginia Beach, who said that last year's crop was affected by a virus but that this year the strawberries are big, red, and beautiful and taste delicious. He reported that Mr. Cullipher said that they anticipate another 10 to 14 days of harvest, when, in a typical year, they would already be finishing up. He also announced that the Pungo Strawberry festival would take place over the weekend and recommended attending.

### **Kay Johnson Smith**

Ms. Smith reported that she recently learned that there is a Friends of Agriculture Organization in her area that was recently created. The organization's first meeting was April 22, 2015, and the second meeting is May 21, 2015. She said that the group's goal is to create a community partnership with the Department of Parks and Recreation in Arlington to promote urban agriculture and that their first project was to enlarge a community garden at 4 Mile Run. She looks forward to reaching out to the group, attending future meetings, and reporting her findings at future Board meetings.

### **RECOGNITION OF PAST BOARD MEMBERS**

Commissioner Adams and President Sturgis recognized past board members William Bain and Stephen Ellis for their service to the Board. Both Mr. Bain and Mr. Ellis were presented with certificates of appreciation on behalf of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the Board.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Adams delivered her report to the Board. During the presentation of this report, she briefed the Board on recent and future events and other matters relating to VDACS. Commissioner Adams also offered an update on the agency's research into the North Carolina Continuously Operating Reference Station Network of Global Navigation Satellite Systems, as

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requested by William Bain at the previous board meeting. A copy of the written report on which her presentation was based was included in the Board's meeting materials.

### **FINAL STAGE – 2 VAC 5-61 (RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING LIVESTOCK DEALERS AND MARKETING FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTROLLING AND ERADICATING INFECTIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES OF LIVESTOCK) AND THE REPEAL OF 2 VAC 5-60 (RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF LIVESTOCK MARKETS) AND 2 VAC 5-120 (RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE RECORDKEEPING BY VIRGINIA CATTLE DEALERS FOR THE CONTROL OR ERADICATION OF BRUCELLOSIS OF CATTLE)**

Dr. Broaddus, Program Manager, Veterinary Services, briefed the Board on the final stage for 2 VAC 5-61 (Rules and Regulations Governing Livestock Dealers and Marketing Facilities for the Purpose of Controlling and Eradicating Infectious and Contagious Diseases of Livestock), which includes the repeal of 2 VAC 5-60 (Rules and Regulations Governing the Operation of Livestock Markets) and 2 VAC 5-120 (Rules and Regulations Governing the Recordkeeping by Virginia Cattle Dealers for the Control or Eradication of Brucellosis of Cattle).

Following Dr. Broaddus's presentation and an opportunity for Board questions and comments, Mr. Mills moved that the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services adopt 2 VAC 5-61, Rules and Regulations Governing Livestock Dealers and Marketing Facilities for the Purpose of Controlling and Eradicating Infectious and Contagious Diseases of Livestock, and repeal 2 VAC 5-60, Rules and Regulations Governing the Operation of Livestock Markets, and 2 VAC 5-120, Rules and Regulations Governing the Recordkeeping by Virginia Cattle Dealers for the Control or Eradication of Brucellosis of Cattle, as presented by staff, and that the Board authorize staff to take any and all steps necessary to have this regulation become a final regulation of the Board. Ms. White seconded the motion, and it was carried by a unanimous vote of the Board.

### **MEETING RECESS**

At approximately 9:50 a.m., President Sturgis called for a recess to allow VDACS staff the opportunity to load the presentation responding to the two pending petitions for rulemaking. President Sturgis reconvened the meeting at approximately 10:10 a.m.

### **RESPONSE TO THE ARLINGTON COUNTY PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION PETITION FOR RULEMAKING AND THE ARLINGTON COUNTY URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION PETITION FOR RULEMAKING**

President Sturgis called on Andres Alvarez, Director of the Division of Consumer Protection. Mr. Alvarez presented the two petitions for rulemaking to the Board related to the criteria used to classify noxious weeds under 2 VAC 5-317, Regulations for Enforcement of the Noxious Weeds Law. The petitions were considered together because the substance was sufficiently similar to enable a single presentation on the background and substance of the petition. The motions for approval or denial of each petition were voted on separately. As part of his presentation, Mr. Alvarez explained that the current definition of noxious weed limits the definition to plants that are not widely disseminated.

President Sturgis then called on those persons interested in presenting comments on the petition. The following comments were received:

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- Katie Frazier, Virginia Agribusiness Council, spoke in opposition to both petitions.
- Ruth Douglas, Virginia Native Plant Society, spoke in support of both petitions.
- Rod Walker, private landowner, spoke in support of both petitions.
- Tom Thompson, Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association, spoke in opposition to both petitions.
- Delegate Patrick Hope provided general comments and encouraged collaboration for future legislation concerning this issue.
- Jamie Bartalon, Arlington County Parks and Natural Resources Division, spoke in support of the Arlington County Parks and Natural Resources Division petition.

At the completion of the public comments, President Sturgis called again on Mr. Alvarez to make a formal recommendation to the Board for its consideration. Mr. Alvarez recommended that the Board deny both petitions.

Following Mr. Alvarez's formal recommendation and an opportunity for Board questions and comments, Mr. Taliaferro moved that, after consideration of the petition for rulemaking presented by the Arlington County Parks and Natural Resources Division for VDACS to re-evaluate the criteria used to classify noxious weeds under 2 VAC 5-317, Regulations for Enforcement of the Noxious Weeds Law, as well as public comments received concerning the petition and staff recommendations, the Board deny this petition and authorize staff to take any and all steps necessary to communicate the Board's decision regarding this petition. Dr. McCann seconded the motion. The motion carried 11 Y, 1 N. Ms. Barlow voted against the motion.

Following Mr. Alvarez's formal recommendation and an opportunity for Board questions and comments, Mr. Marker moved that, after consideration of the petition for rulemaking presented by the Arlington County Urban Forestry Commission for VDACS to include a more comprehensive list of non-native invasive species as part of 2 VAC 5-317, Regulations for Enforcement of the Noxious Weeds Law, as well as public comments received concerning the petition and staff recommendations, the Board deny this petition and authorize staff to take any and all steps necessary to communicate the Board's decision regarding this petition. Mr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion carried 11 Y, 1 N. Ms. Barlow voted against the motion.

### **PRESENTATION ON THE PESTICIDE E-FORMS PROJECT – LIZA FLEESON, PROGRAM MANAGER, OFFICE OF PESTICIDE SERVICES**

President Sturgis called again on Mr. Alvarez. Mr. Alvarez called on Ms. Fleeson to deliver the presentation. Office of Pesticide Services staff member Jeffrey Rogers provided a practical demonstration of the e-forms for the Board at Ms. Fleeson's request.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Mills spoke about a troubling new issue emerging in southside Virginia involving organic farmers forming a coalition and publicly criticizing traditional farmers in newspapers and social media. He said that previously, organic and traditional farmers have co-existed without any issues and that each has recognized the other's right to farm as they see fit. He suggested that his fellow traditional farmers be aware of this growing issue and work to educate the public about traditional farming methods. He also stated that it is important for farmers to be positive about agriculture as a whole and to not allow a wedge to be driven between traditional and organic farming. He suggested that other Board members be aware of this potential issue in their district.



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Mr. Kordek agreed with Mr. Mills and shared that the pest control industry has similar image issues. He stated that the organic wave has a strong message and that it does not take away the value of traditional agriculture. He mentioned that Dow Chemical has stated that you can have the luxury of organic when you do not have the responsibility of feeding the world. He said that if VDACS can be doing anything to help promote a positive message on traditional agriculture, he would like to see it come before the Board.

Mr. Sturgis echoed Mr. Mills and Mr. Kordek's comments and stated the importance of educating the community about traditional farming. He said that he has spoken to a Chesapeake Bay Foundation education class for the last two years on the Eastern Shore and that it been a valuable opportunity to educate the community about what is needed to support production agriculture. He stated that both organic and traditional farming are great. He noted that by 2050, it is predicted that there will be 9.2 billion people in the world and that it is important to get the information out to the community on what will be needed to feed those people.

Commissioner Adams stated that the agency understood the importance of the issues being discussed. She said that when she and other agency staff attend events, they are sure to emphasize that they are there to support all types of agriculture. She stated that the agency's message is that agriculture is here to try and feed everyone and that, although it is everyone's personal choice what they eat, all kinds of agriculture are needed to feed the world.

Commissioner Adams then introduced Justin Bell, the agency's new representative at the Office of the Attorney General, to the Board. She thanked both Mr. Bell and Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Towell for attending the Board meeting.

### **FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

President Sturgis announced that the summer Board meeting will take place on July 20, 2015, on the Eastern Shore, with the tours taking place the following day. The final Board meeting for 2015 will take place on December 10, 2015, in the Virginia State Capitol in Richmond.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Mr. J.E. Fugate of Fugate Farms addressed the Board regarding his concerns about the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' possible expansion of the Elk Restoration program to all localities west of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Commissioner Adams responded that she and VDACS staff will meet with Mr. Fugate to discuss his concerns and VDACS' response to the program.

Mr. Wayne Surles, a former program manager of the Office of Pesticide Services, spoke in support of considering science and supporting the universities while considering issues like the petitions for rulemaking to the Board related to the criteria used to classify noxious weeds under 2 VAC 5-317, Regulations for Enforcement of the Noxious Weeds Law, that were considered earlier in the meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at approximately 11:59 a.m. Mr. Mills motioned for the Board to adjourn, and Dr. McCann seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn was passed unanimously by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Steve Sturgis  
Board President

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Kevin Schmidt  
Board Secretary