

FINAL

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Minutes
Virginia Outdoors Foundation (VOF)
Board of Trustees
Special Forestry Committee Meeting
June 23, 2020**

Virtual Attendees:

Trustees:

Eleanor Brown, Chair
Beth Obenshain

Other Attendees:

Jason Bullock, Virginia Department of Conservation
and Recreation (DCR)
Zachary Sheldon
Heather Richards, representing the *Conservation Fund*

Staff:

Brett Glymph, Executive Director
Bobbie Cabibbo, Executive Assistant
Leslie Grayson, Deputy Director
Mike Hallock-Solomon, GIS Specialist
Martha Little, Deputy Director
Dave Morton, IT Manager
Emily White, Grant Program Manager

Eleanor convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting explaining that these challenging times have made it possible to meet in a virtual setting with the governor's mandates and asked that Bobbie Cabibbo call the roll. The list of attendees is above.

Public Comments

Jason Bullock (DCR) noted that he was present at the meeting and available for any questions concerning the request for addition funds in the Poor Mountain project.

Forest CORE

Manual & Program

Eleanor asked Emily White to present the changes to the manual and program for this upcoming grant round. Beth and Eleanor agreed to recommend approval of all changes presented to the full Board of Trustees.

Poor Mountain

The Poor Mountain project which received \$500,000 in a prior grant round has requested an additional \$62,504 for reasons outlined in the meeting materials. Emily explained that the forest has a very high biodiversity, higher than originally thought and makes it worthy of these additional funds to cover the increased cost to purchase. Eleanor and Beth agreed to recommend approval of this increase in funding to the full Board of Trustees.

Stanley Land and Lumber Project

Emily reviewed the request from The Conservation Fund asking to amend the proposal to reduce the acreage to be protected. After consultation with staff and chair, it was agreed to uphold the original acreage amount in the project. That decision was affirmed by Eleanor and Beth.

Eleanor adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.