

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

**June 13, 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.: **Absent:** Mr. David Bernhardt, Mr. Vaughn Groves, Mr. Jimmy Hazel, Mr. Garry Gray; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert W. “Bob” Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Attorney General Office:** Ms. Elizabeth Andrews; **Senior Leadership:** Mr. David Whitehurst, Colonel Dabney “Dee” Watts, Mr. Larry Hart, Mr. Tom Gelozin, Dr. Joice Conyers, Mr. Lee Walker.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:10 am welcomed everyone and noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting. The Chairman announced there would be a Closed Session during the Board meeting. Director Bob Duncan read the mission statement and Colonel Dabney “Dee” Watts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Lisa Caruso arrived at 9:15 am.

The Chairman called on Director Bob Duncan for recognition of employees. The Director recognized the 10 new Law Enforcement Officer recruits.

The Director called on Colonel “Dee” Watts who presented Captain John Hutchens with the Guy Bradley Award.

The Director presented Colonel “Dee” Watts with a plaque on his retirement.

Following the presentations, the Chairman thanked Captain John Hutchens and Colonel Watts for their years of service and congratulated them on a job well done.

The Chairman recognized Ms. Jenny West of the Wildlife Foundation who gave an update on the projects of The Wildlife Foundation.

**Public Comments (Non-Agenda Items):** The Chairman called for public comments and hearing none he continued with the agenda.

**Approval of the March 20 & 21, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the March 20 & 21, 2013 meeting had been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chairman call for a motion to approve the March 20 & 21, 2013 minutes as presented. Ms. Caruso made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented and Mr. Colgate seconded the motion. Ayes: Caruso, Colgate, Reed, Davenport, Clarke, Turner, Palmer .

## **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 June 4, 2013 Committee Meeting.

Staff Final recommendations for Foxhound Training Preserves Regulations were presented by Mr. David Whitehurst.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Whitehurst for his presentation and asked for comments and /or questions from the Board Members and from the public. The Chairman called attention to the need to limit individual comments to 3 minutes and comments on behalf of an organization 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. Steve Colvin from Barboursville, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Ms. Jacque Smith of Hayes, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Ms. Leslie Barron of Newport News, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Mr. Truman Tench of Chester, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Mr. Chuck Allen of Dillwyn, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Mr. Charles Pool of Richmond, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Mr. Davy Hackett of Appomattox, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Ms. Kymberly Messersmith of Alexandria, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Ms. Jennifer Austin of Portsmouth, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Ms. Kensett Teller of Williamsburg, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Ms. Chloe Waterman of Washington, DC spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Ms. Linda Hochstein of Richmond, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Mr. Marshall Jones of Washington, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Mr. William Goodman, Jr. of Bumpass, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Mr. Watkins Abbitt of Appomattox, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Ms. Cornelia Fulgham of Washington, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserves.
- Ms. Valerie Ackerman of Spotsylvania, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserve.
- Mr. Ronald Dombrowski of Chester, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserve.
- Mr. Eric Fagerholm of Montclair, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserve.
- Mr. A. Stegmajer of 7825 Marilea Road declined to speak when call on.
- Ms. Robin Starr of Richmond, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserve.
- Ms. Laura Donahue of Richmond, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserve.
- Mr. Jim Presswood of Arlington, Virginia spoke regarding foxhound training preserve.

The Chairman called for a 15 minute break. The Chairman reconvened at 11:20 am.

A discussion was held by the Board, Director, and Staff on the Foxhound Training Preserves Regulations presentation.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments and their attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Brent Clarke made a motion for the Board to adopt the Foxhound Training Preserve Regulations as proposed by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Lisa Caruso. Ayes: Clarke, Caruso, Reed, Colgate, Palmer, Davenport, and Turner.

Staff Final Recommendations for the Hunting Regulations were presented by Mr. Bob Ellis.  
( -Mr. Ellis presented Deer, Elk, Furbearer, and Trapping, and small game)

A discussion was held by the Board, Director, and Staff on the Hunting Regulation presentation.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Ellis for his presentation and asked for questions and/or comments from the Board and from the public. The Chairman reminded the public of the 3 minute for an individual and 5 minute for a group.

- Mr. Jim Cridlin of Jonesville, Virginia spoke regarding Raccoon hunting.
- Mr. Keith Cordle of Cedar Bluff, Virginia spoke regarding Elk in Virginia Protection.
- Mr. Steve Colvin of Barboursville, Virginia spoke regarding Carcass regulations.
- Ms. Kathy Funk of Greenville, Virginia spoke regarding Elk in Virginia.
- Mr. Pat Sutphin of Rocky Gap, Virginia spoke regarding Elk Buffer Zone.
- Mr. Wilmer Stoneman of Richmond, Virginia spoke regarding Elk.
- Mr. Leon Boyd of Vansant, Virginia spoke regarding Elk.
- Mr. Denny Quaiff of Chesterfield, Virginia spoke regarding Deer.
- Mr. David Wood of Greensboro, NC spoke regarding Deer Hunting in Campbell County.
- Mr. Richard Wilkes of Richmond, Virginia spoke regarding Elk-Expanding Restricted hunting.
- Mr. Terry Colley of Vansant, Virginia spoke regarding open dog training season.
- Mr. Kirby Burch of Powhatan, Virginia spoke regarding support of the actions of agency staff.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments and for their attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Colgate made a motion to approve the Deer Regulations as proposed by staff. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Ayes: Reed, Colgate, Turner, Palmer, Caruso, Davenport, Clarke.

Mr. Colgate made a motion to approve the Elk Regulations as proposed by staff. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Ayes: Reed, Colgate, Turner, Palmer, Caruso, Davenport, Clarke.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the Furbearers and Trapping Regulations as proposed by staff. Mr. Clarke seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Ayes: Reed, Colgate, Turner, Palmer, Caruso, Davenport, Clarke.

Mr. Davenport made a motion to approve the Small Game Regulations as proposed by staff. Mr. Clarke seconded the motion. A vote was taken. Ayes: Reed, Colgate, Turner, Palmer, Caruso, Davenport, Clarke.

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

Ms. Caruso made the following motion:

Closed Meeting Motion  
June 13, 2013

Mr. Chairman,

I move that the Board 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

Furthermore, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property with respect to:

- (i) The relocation of the agency headquarters;
- (ii) An exchange of real property in Wythe County; and
- (iii) A transfer of real property in Warren and Fauquier County

This closed meeting will be attended only by members of the Board. However, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 (F), the Board requests counsel, the Department Director; the Chief Operating, the Bureau Director, the Legislative and Policy Manager, and the Infrastructure Director to also attend this meeting, as it believes their presence will be reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

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

Ms. Caruso departed at 1:30 pm.

The Board reconvened at 3:14 pm.

Mr. Clarke moved the following Certification.

Certification of Closed Meeting  
June 13, 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 was 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. Colgate.

The Board Secretary conducted the following voice roll call vote:

Mr. Colgate - Aye  
Mr. Palmer - Aye  
Mr. Davenport - Aye  
Mr. Turner - Aye  
Mr. Reed - Aye  
Mr. Clarke - Aye

After the closed session, The Chairman called on Mr. Ellis to complete the Hunting Regulations. Mr. Ellis presented the Bear, Hunter Recruitment and Retention, Waterfowl, General and Miscellaneous, Firearms, Permits, Recent Legislation, Regulation Reform. All of these regulations were voted on in one motion.

Mr. Clarke made a motion for the Board to approve the Bear, Hunter Recruitment and Retention, Waterfowl, General and Miscellaneous, Firearms, Permits, Recent Legislation, Regulation Reform as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Colgate. A vote was taken. Ayes: Reed, Colgate, Palmer, Davenport, Turner, Clarke.

Mr. David Whitehurst made a request to adopt a new name for the WMA previously known as Level Pond. The Board had a discussion and asked that the naming of the WMA be done at a later meeting.

\*\*\*Please see the Director's Report where after further discussion of the naming of the new Wildlife Management it was voted on to name it Doe Creek Wildlife Management Area.\*\*\*\*\*

**Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee:** Mr. Colgate, Chairman of the Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee, reported on the activities of the June 4, 2013 Committee meeting.

The FY 2013-2014 Budget Staff Recommendations was presented by Mr. Tom Gelozin.

A discussion was held by the Board, Director, and Staff on the Budget presentation.

Mr. Colgate made a motion for the Board to approve the Staff Final Recommendation on the FY 2013-2014 budget. It was seconded by Mr. Clarke. A vote was taken, Aye: Colgate, Clarke, Palmer, Turner, Davenport, Reed.

Mr. Colgate made a motion to approve the FY 2014 Internal Audit Plan and it was seconded by Mr. Davenport. A vote was taken. Aye: Colgate, Clarke, Palmer, Turner, Davenport, Reed.

**Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee:** Mr. Reed in the absence of Ms. Caruso, Committee Chairwoman reported on the activities of the May 21, 2013 Committee meeting.

The Annual Review of the Board Policies was presented by Mr. Ryan Brown.

Mr. Reed made a motion to approve the 2014 Board Policy and it was seconded by Mr. Clarke. A vote was taken. Aye: Colgate, Clarke, Palmer, Turner, Davenport, Reed.

The Annual Review of the Committee Charters was presented by Mr. Ryan Brown.

Mr. Clarke made a motion to approve the 2014 Committee Charters. It was seconded by Mr. Colgate. A vote was taken. Aye: Colgate, Palmer, Turner, Davenport, Reed, Clarke.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation.

**Nominations Committee:** Mr. Clarke, Chairman of the Nominations Committee reported on the activities of the Committee meeting.

Mr. Clarke made a motion to close the Nominations for Chairman and Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Mr. Reed. Ayes: Reed, Clarke, Palmer, Davenport, Turner and Colgate.

Mr. Clarke made a motion to elect Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate, Chairman, and Mr. Ben Davenport, Vice-Chairman, for FY 2014. It was seconded by Mr. Reed and Mr. Turner. A vote was taken. Aye: Reed, Clarke, Turner, Davenport, Colgate, Palmer.

**Director's Report:** The Director reported on the following items:

The Director recognized Carol Rauschberg from DHRM, and thanked her for being at the meeting.

- New Law Academy
- Cancellation of the Hercules Boat Ramp
- USFWS Duck Stamp at Bass Pro on 6/28/13 at 9:00 am
- DGIF HQ Groundbreaking on 6/28/13 at 1:30 pm
- Recreational Safety Team
- Bobwhite Quail Technical Meeting in July in Roanoke
- Stream bottom working group
- King & Queen Deer Chase group

The Director asked the Board to reconsider naming of the new WMA as all groups involved had given their consent to call the new WMA the Doe Creek WMA.

Mr. Colgate made a motion to name the new WMA the "Doe Creek Wildlife Management Area". It was seconded by Mr. Turner. A vote was taken. Ayes: Reed, Clarke, Palmer, Turner, Colgate, Davenport.

The Director called on Mr. Whitehurst who updated the group on the PALS Program.

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

Mr. Colgate presented Mr. Reed with his outgoing Chairman's plaque and a gift from the Board.

**Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman thanked staff for all their work and efforts on the Regulation process and for the FY2014 Budget preparations and express how much he had enjoyed being Chairman this past year.

**Additional Business/Comments:** None

**Next Meeting Date:** The Chairman announced the next Board meeting will be July 9, 2013 at 9:00 am.

**Adjournment:** The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn at 4:35 pm.