

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Wildlife, Boat, and, Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
4000 West Broad Street, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23230

January 27, 2014
10:00 am

Present: Ms. Lisa Caruso, Chairwoman, Mr. Leon Turner; **Board Members:** Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate, Board Chairman; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert "Bob" Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Larry Hart, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. David Whitehurst, Colonel Ron Henry, Mr. Ryan Brown and Mr. Gary Martel.

The Chairwoman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and noted for the record that a quorum was present. The Chairwoman also noted she had not received any request for public comments on non-agenda items.

Approval of the August 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes: The Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2013 meeting. Mr. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Caruso and Turner.

Update on Law Enforcement Division: Colonel Ron Henry gave an update of Law Enforcement and announced that 24 positions had been approved for hire.

After discussion and questions the Chairwoman thanked Colonel Henry for his update.

Fisheries, Wildlife Diversity, and, Boating Regulation Issues: Mr. Gary Martel and Mr. Tom Guess presented the Regulations Issues.

After discussion and questions, Ms. Caruso entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Ms. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Turner to endorse the Regulation Issues as presented and present to the Full Board for approval. Ayes: Caruso and Turner.

The Chairwoman thanked Mr. Martel and Mr. Guess for their presentations.

Virginia Wildlife Turkey Management Plan: Mr. Dave Steffen presented the Virginia Wild Turkey Management Plan (2013-2022).

After discussion and questions, the Chairwoman entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Ms. Caruso and seconded by Mr. Turner to endorse the Virginia Wildlife Turkey Management Plan as presented and present to the Full Board for approval. Ayes: Caruso and Turner.

The Chairwoman thanked Mr. Steffen for his presentation.

The Chairwoman called for a 5- minute break. After the break, the Chairwoman continued with the agenda.

Wildlife Helpline Update: Mr. Glen Askins presented the Wildlife Helpline Update.

The Chairwoman thanked Mr. Askins for his update.

Hunter and Boating Education Update: Mr. Tom Guess gave an update on the Hunter and Boating Education .

The Chairwoman thanked Mr. Guess for his update.

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

- The Director called on Mr. Ryan Brown to update the WBL Committee on their Annual Charter. Mr. Brown asked that the Charter for 2014 be voted on at the March 25, 2014 meeting.
- The Director called on Mr. Bob Ellis to update the committee on Elk Restoration and CWD.
- The Director called on Mr. David Whitehurst to speak on the City of Fairfax Deer Sterilization research Project.
- The Director reported he had met the new Secretary of Natural Resources, Ms. Molly Ward and had attended an Agency Head meeting where Governor McAuliffe stopped in and mentioned his Land Conservancy goal of obtaining 400,000 acres of land.

The Chairwoman thanked Mr. Duncan for his report.

Chairman's Report: Ms. Caruso thanked everyone for today's presentations and updates.

2014 Committee meeting Schedule: Ms. Caruso made a motion that Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 10:00 am and Tuesday, June 24, 2014 at 10:00 am and Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 2:00 pm for Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement committee to hold their meetings for 2014. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Ayes: Caruso and Turner.

Additional Business/Comments: Mr. Turner and Mr. Colgate requested an update on the following :

- Vic Thomas Hatchery
- King and Queen Hatchery
- Howardville Landing
- Staffing update at the Hatcheries

Adjournment: The Chairwoman announced the next meeting date will be Tuesday, March 25, 2014 and adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.