

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

July 13, 2010

Present: Mr. James W. Hazel, Chairman, Mr. Ward Burton, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Mary Louisa Pollard, Ms. Sherry Crumley, Mr. Scott Reed, Mr. Brent Clarke, Mr. Charles Yates, Mr. John Montgomery; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert "Bob" W. Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Senior Leadership Team:** Dr. Joice Conyers, Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Charlie Sledd, Mr. David Whitehurst and Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts; **Legal Counsel:** Ms. Elizabeth Andrews.

[\(Listen: Call to Order\)](#)

The Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00am and also noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting.

The Chairman called on Ms. Pollard to read the mission Statement into the record and the Fellows of Peer Group 5 to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman moved forward with the agenda and called on the Director for Recognition of Employees and others.

Recognition of Employees and Others: [\(Listen: Recognition of Employees and Others\)](#) The Chairman called on the Director for the Recognition of Employees and Others. The Director introduced the Fellows of the Leadership Development Program in attendance and reviewed their Capstone Project. The Director also noted the graduation for the LDP Fellows would be held in Charlottesville, Virginia on September 15-16, 2010. Invitations to the Board will be mailed at a later date.

Public Comments-Non-Agenda Items: [\(Listen: Public Comments-Non-Agenda Items\)](#) The Chairman called for Public Comments Non-Agenda Items. Hearing none, the Chairman moved forward with the remaining agenda items.

Approval of June 8, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes: [\(Listen: Approval of June 8, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes\)](#) The minutes of the June 8, 2010 Meeting have been distributed and posted to the website for review. **The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Yates made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the minutes of the meeting be approved as submitted. Motion Seconded by Ms. Crumley. Ayes: Haze, Burton, Pollard, Crumley, Reed Clarke, Yates and Montgomery.**

Naming of the new Wildlife Management Areas: [\(Listen: Naming of the new Wildlife Management Areas\)](#) The Chairman called on Mr. David Whitehurst to present the new Wildlife Management Areas for the Agency.

Mr. Whitehurst gave a brief presentation ([view presentation](#)) on the Short Hills Tract. Following the presentation, the Chairman called for a motion to officially name this wildlife management area. Ms. Crumley made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that

the Board name the Short Hills Tract the Short Hills Wildlife Management Area. Motion Seconded by: Pollard. Ayes: Hazel, Burton, Crumley, Pollard, Clarke, Reed, Montgomery and Yates.

The Chairman thanked the Director and staff for moving this project forward.

Mr. Whitehurst gave a brief presentation on the Big Woods Tract. Following the presentation, the Chairman called for a motion to officially name this wildlife management area. Ms. Pollard made the following motion: I move that the Board name the Big Woods Tract the Big Woods Wildlife Management Area. Motion Seconded by Mr. Reed. Ayes: Hazel, Burton, Crumley, Pollard, Clarke, Reed, Montgomery and Yates.

The Chairman thanked the staff and Ms. Jenny West. Wildlife Foundation of Virginia Director, for moving this project forward.

Presentation of the 2010-2011 Webless Migratory Game Bird, Early Goose and Teal Seasons: ([Listen: 2010-2011 Webless Migratory Game Bird, Early Goose and Teal Seasons](#)) The Chairman called on Mr. Bob Ellis to present the 2010-2011 Webless Migratory Game Bird, Early Goose and Teal Seasons.

Mr. Ellis presented the 2010-2011 Webless Migratory Game Bird, Early Goose and Teal Seasons ([view presentation](#)). Following the presentation, the Chairman called for comments from the Board. A discussion was held by the Board, Director and staff regarding the presentation.

The Chairman called for public comments. Hearing none, the Chairman moved forward with the board discussion.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the migratory seasons as presented. Mr. Yates made the following motion: To change the dove season as presented to: keep the opening day of dove season at noon and the remainder of dove season would be 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily. The Chairman called for a second on the motion: Ms. Crumley seconded the motion.

The Chairman called for further discussion

The Chairman recognized Mr. Malcolm Wells, Richmond, Virginia, who spoke regarding dove seasons.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Wells for his remarks.

The Chairman called for any additional comments from the board. The Chairman called on Mr. Yates for clarification on his current motion. The Chairman offered the following amendment to Mr. Yates' motion regarding dove season: In the September season on dove, moving to 1/2hour before sunrise to sunset, beginning the on the second Saturday for the remainder of the early season. Noon to sunset for the first week of the season. Mr. Yates stated he would like to amend his motion to that suggested by the Chairman. Amended motion seconded by Ms. Crumley.

The Chairman said as he understands there is a motion on the floor for the Board to adopt the Webless Migratory Gamebird, September Canada Goose, September Teal and Falconry seasons and bag limits as recommended by staff with the amendment that the first segment

of dove season would be from noon to sunset the first week and beginning on the second Saturday would begin 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset and to further authorize staff to modify seasons and bag limits, if necessary, to comply with the established Federal Frameworks. Is that correct Mr. Yates? Mr. Yates replied in the affirmative. Motion seconded by Ms. Crumley. Ayes: Hazel, Burton, Crumley, Pollard, Clarke, Reed, Montgomery and Yates.

The Chairman thanked the Board and staff for their comments.

Committee Reports: ([Listen: Committee Reports](#)) The Chairman noted the committees have not met due to the transitioning of Board Chair's and Committee memberships.

The Chairman called on Mr. Montgomery for a report from the **Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee**. Mr. Montgomery reported the Committee has not met since their May 6, 2010 meeting.

The Chairman noted the **Education, Planning and Outreach Committee** which he had formerly chaired has not met since their May 6, 2010 meeting.

The Chairman called on Mr. Burton for a report from the **Wildlife and Boat Committee**. Mr. Burton reported the committee has not met since their May 24, 2010 meeting.

The Chairman noted this new committee assignments have been made and distributed.

At 10:22am, the Chairman called for a 10-minute break. The Chairman called the meeting back to order at 10:35 and call on the director for his report.

Director's Report: ([Listen: Director's Report](#)) The Chairman called on the Director for his report. Mr. Duncan recognized and thanked Ms. Anne White and Ms. Vickie Krisnitski for their service to the Agency.

Mr. Duncan reported on the following items:

- 27th Annual Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show begins August 13
- 25th Anniversary of the *Whitetail Times Magazine*
- Summary of public meetings on Elk*
- New Bear Plan progress
- Shooting range developments
- Sportsman's Caucus Retreat
- Strategic Planning off-site
- Operation Dry Water
- Update on the office relocation**

* The Chairman and Director thanked Ms. Crumley and Mr. Yates for their attendance during the Elk Public Hearings in Southwest Virginia.

** The Chairman has designated Mr. Brent Clarke as the Board representative to the Agency's Building Committee which is handling the headquarters relocation project.

The Chairman thanked the Director for his report and announced that a Closed Session would not be held during today's meeting.

Chairman's Remarks: ([Listen: Chairman's Remarks](#)) The Chairman stated during the next year, he will be attending as many Agency events as possible. The Chairman thanked the Staff for their work on the South Holston River Agreement. The Chairman met with the Secretary of Natural Resources to update him on the activities of the Agency. During the meeting, the Secretary encouraged the Board and Agency to move quickly on the Agency's headquarters relocation process. The Secretary expressed an interest in participating in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new building. The Chairman closed by stating that he looked forward to seeing everyone at the August Meeting.

Additional Comments/Business: ([Listen: Additional Comments/Business](#)) The Chairman called on the Director for additional comments. The Director stated he and Ron Southwick met with Lt. Governor Bolling regarding trout fishing in Virginia. During the meeting, the Director and Mr. Southwick briefed Lt. Governor Bolling on trout fishing and trout management. The Director thanked Mr. Southwick for attending the meeting. The Lt. Governor has agreed to make a few Public Service Announcements for the Agency.

The Chairman thanked the Director for his remarks.

([Listen: Next Meeting Date and Adjournment](#))

The Chairman called for any other additional business. Hearing none, the Chairman announced the next meeting would be August 17, 2010. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Drewery, Board Secretary
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries