

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

**July 9, 2013  
9:00 am**

**Present:** Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate, **Chairman**, Mr. Ben Davenport, **Vice-Chairman**, Ms. Lisa Caruso, Mr. J. Brent Clarke, III, Mr. Hugh C. Palmer, Mr. Leon O. Turner, Sr., Mr. David Bernhardt, Mr. Jimmy Hazel, Mr. F. Scott Reed, Jr.: **Absent:** Mr. Vaughn Groves, Mr. Garry Gray; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert W., “Bob” Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Legal Counsel:** Ms. Elizabeth Andrews, **Senior Leadership:** Mr. David Whitehurst, Colonel Mike Clark, Mr. Larry Hart, Mr. Tom Gelozin, Dr. Joice Conyers.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 9:09 am and 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. Mr. Hazel read the mission statement and Ms. Dorita Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Recognition of Employees and Others:**

The Chairman called on Director Bob Duncan for recognition of employees. The Director recognized the following staff members:

- Ms. Dorita Adams for the Governor’s 2013 Public Service Award for Excellence in Customer Service
- Dr. Joice Conyers for the National Association of Professional Woman of the Year Award
- Tom Guess for Appointment to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s National Boating Safety Advisory Council

Director Bob Duncan called on Colonel Mike Clark for recognition of employees. Colonel Clark called on Captain Tony Fisher who recognized CPO’s on their accomplishments.

- CPO Joe Williams as CPO of the Year
- CPO Wayne Sprinkler as Virginia’s National Wild Turkey Federation Officer of the Year
- CPO Dallas Neal as the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators Virginia Boating Officer of the Year

The Chairman and Director congratulated everyone on their accomplishments and thanked them for their service and dedication to the Agency and Commonwealth.

The Chairman introduced Mr. David Adamson, President of the Virginia Chapter of Ducks Unlimited for a presentation to Director Bob Duncan as DU’s State Conservationist of the Year.

The Chairman congratulated Director Duncan on receiving the Conservationist of the Year Award from Ducks Unlimited.

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

**Approval of the June 13, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the June 13, 2013 meeting had been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the June 13, 2013 minutes as presented. Mr. Reed made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented and Mr. Clarke seconded the motion. Ayes: Caruso, Hazel, Reed, Clarke, Davenport, Colgate, Palmer, Turner, Bernhardt.

**Committee Meeting Reports:** Mr. Turner, Chairman of the Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee introduced Dr. Gary Costanzo to give a presentation on the 2013-2014 Webless Migratory Game Bird Framework.

- Staff Recommendations for the 2013 -2014 Webless Migratory Game Bird, September Goose and Teal, and Falconry Frameworks were presented by Dr. Gary Costanzo.

Mr. Terry D. Wagner of Powhatan, Virginia spoke regarding Woodcock.

A discussion was held by the Board, Director, and Staff on the 2013-2014 Webless Migratory Game Bird Framework.

The Chairman and Director thanked Dr. Costanzo and staff for the presentation and recommendations.

Mr. Leon Turner made a motion for the Board to adopt the 2013-2014 Webless Migratory Game Bird, September Goose and Teal, and Falconry season Framework as proposed by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Ben Davenport. Ayes: Caruso, Hazel, Clarke, Reed, Davenport, Colgate, Palmer, Turner, Bernhardt.

The Chairman called for a recess at 10:30 am. The Chairman reconvened at 10:46 am.

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

Mr. Bernhardt made the following motion:

***Closed Meeting Motion***

***July 9, 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) The potential acquisition of an interest in real property in Botetourt County.

This closed meeting will be attended only by member of the Board. However, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(F), the Board requests counsel, the Department Director, the Chief Operating Officer, the Bureau Director, the Legislative and Policy Manager, the Infrastructure Director, Mr. Tom Clarke, and Mr. Jeff Walden 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. Turner. Ayes: Caruso, Hazel, Clarke, Reed, Davenport, Colgate, Palmer, Turner, Bernhardt.

Mr. Bernhardt departed at 12:00 pm.

The Board reconvened at 12:30 pm.

Mr. Reed moved the following Certification.

***Certification of Closed Meeting  
July 9, 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 provision 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 meetings 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 members 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. Turner.*

*The Board Secretary conducted the following voice roll call certification:*

*Colgate - Aye  
Palmer - Aye  
Caruso - Aye  
Davenport - Aye  
Turner - Aye*

Reed - Aye  
Clarke - Aye  
Hazel - Aye

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

Mr. Hazel made a motion, Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board authorize the Director to proceed to transfer approximately 3.1 acres of land in Warren and Fauquier Counties to the County of Warren, Virginia and such authorization shall be according to state procedures. It was seconded by Mr. Clarke.  
Ayes: Caruso, Hazel, Clarke, Davenport, Colgate, Palmer, Turner.

- New Dedication date for the Hercules Boat Landing
- Regional Meetings around the State
- Bass Pro New Duck Stamp Event
- DGIF New Headquarters Groundbreaking
- Industry Outreach Meeting In Marion, Va. on July 11, 2013
- Retail Outdoor Merchandising community on August 5, 2013 in Richmond, Va.

**Chairman's Report:** The Chairman thanked everyone for attending the meeting and all their hard work on the presentation. The Chairman presented the following Committee assignments for 2014:

**Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement Committee:**

- Lisa Caruso, Chairwoman
- Vaughn Groves
- Leon Turner
- Jimmy Hazel, Alternate

**Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee:**

- Ben Davenport, Chairman
- David Bernhardt
- Brent Clark

**Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee:**

- Garry Gray, Chairman
- Hugh Palmer
- Scott Reed

**Wildlife Foundation of Virginia :**

- Scott Reed

**Additional Business/Comments:** None

**Next Meeting Date:** The Chairman announced the next Board meeting will be August 22, 2013 at 9:00 am.

**Adjournment:** The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:39 pm.