

**Virginia Land Conservation Foundation
Board of Trustees
Tuesday, November 28, 2017
West Reading Room, Patrick Henry Building, Richmond, Virginia**

TIME AND PLACE

The meeting of the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Board of Trustees took place at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 in the West Reading Room of the Patrick Henry Building, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT

The Honorable Molly Ward, Secretary of Natural Resources, Chair
Robert Lazaro, Jr., Vice Chair
Ronald M. Howell, Jr. for the Honorable Basil I. Gooden, Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry

R. Brian Ball
Glenda C. Booth
Jay C. Ford
The Honorable Emmet Hanger, Jr.
Valerie D. Hubbard
Anna Lawson

Paul V. Milde
Julian Ottley
The Honorable Albert C. Pollard, Jr.
Russell Vern Presley
The Honorable John Paul Woodley, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Byron M. Adkins, Jr.
Steven L. Apicella
Susan E. Donner

Joan Fenton
The Honorable Jill Holtzman Vogel

STATE AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Clyde E. Cristman, DCR, Executive Secretary
Rochelle Altholz, DCR
Suzan Bulbulkaya, DCR
Jason Bulluck, DCR
Linda Crowe, DCR
Rob Evans, DCR
Michael Fletcher, DCR
Kristin Jones, VOF

Roger Kirchen, DHR
Larry Mikkelson, DCR
John Mitchell, DCR
Angela Navarro, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources
Duncan Pitchford, OAG
Sarah Richardson, DCR
Tom Smith, DCR

OTHERS PRESENT

Parker Agelasto, CRLC
Nikki Rovner, The Nature Conservancy

Ellen Shepard, VAULT

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Ward called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. and asked for the calling of the roll.

ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

With 14 (fourteen) members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 1, 2017 BOARD MEETING

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Lazaro moved that the minutes from the November 1, 2017 meeting of the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Board of Trustees be approved as submitted by staff. Ms. Lawson seconded and the motion carried with Mr. Milde abstaining.

VIRGINIA LAND CONSERVATION FOUNDATION UPDATES – *The Honorable Molly Ward, Secretary of Natural Resources*

Secretary Ward reported that following a meeting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife service a list of projects for funding was determined for the DuPont Settlement. She noted that Governor McAuliffe would be announcing those grants on Friday, December 8 in Waynesboro.

SKIFFES CREEK SETTLEMENT GRAND ROUND OVERVIEW – *Angela Navarro, Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources*

Ms. Navarro gave the following overview.

Surry-Skiffes Creek Transmission Line – VLCF Restricted Fund Grant Round

Background

- As part of the permitting for the transmission line, the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determined that the project would adversely affect historic properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- The Corps issued the permit in July 2017, and the permit was accompanied by a Memorandum of Agreement setting forth conditions to mitigate the adverse impacts to historic resources.

Mitigation Project Categories

| Cost (Million) | Project | Fund Manager |
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| \$27.7 | Jamestown Island – Hog Island – Captain John Smith Trail Historic District Mitigation | The Conservation Fund |
| \$25 | Historic Property Treatment at the Captain John Smith Trail as a Gateway to Werewocomoco | Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation |
| \$15.595 | Water Quality Improvements | Virginia Environmental Endowment |

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| \$12.5 | Landscape Preservation, Landscape Scale Conservation, and Battlefield Conservation | Virginia Land Conservation Foundation |
| \$4.5 | Preserve and enhance the Pamunkey Indian Tribe’s cultural values and way of life | Pamunkey Indian Tribe |
| \$4.2 | Historic Property Treatment at Hogs Island and Chickahominy Wildlife Management Areas | Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) |

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- A. The enhancement and/or preservation of the setting and feeling for the Battle of Yorktown and Fort Crafford or development of public interpretive programs, signage, and exhibits focusing on the Peninsula Campaign including the Battle of Hampton Roads, the Battle of Yorktown, the Battle of Williamsburg, and the strategic importance of Fort Monroe in each, and development of a 3D laser Scan of Fort Crafford and an earthwork preservation plan to include a landscape management plan.
- B. Landscape preservation with an emphasis on projects within the James River watershed benefiting the historic properties and district.
- C. Landscape scale conservation that may lead to permanently protecting lands necessary to preclude future river crossings and non-compatible shoreline development within the APE, to the greatest extent possible.

| TIMELINE | |
|---------------------------|--|
| August 16, 2017 | Start of 30 day comment period on draft VLCF criteria |
| October 3, 2017 | Army Corps approved criteria |
| October 18, 2017 | Workshop for grant applicants |
| November 6, 2017 | Deadline for applicant submittal |
| Week of November 13, 2017 | Project review meeting |
| November 28, 2017 | VLCF Board meeting |
| January 2017 | Grant agreement signed Projects have two years to close |

Overview of Project Applications

- 12 applications received
- Total funding requests: \$28,737,850
- Total funding recommended: \$12,390,600
- Remaining funds: \$109,000

Recommended Interpretive Projects

Fort Crafford 3D Laser Scan and Earthwork Preservation Plan Fort Eustis Cultural Resources Management Program

- *Development of a 3D virtual model and earthwork preservation plan of Ford Crafford located on Fort Eustis in Newport News.*
- Significance:
 - The project will map and create digital models of Fort Crafford and six other portions of the unified defensive system developed by Confederate General John B. Magruder prior to the Peninsula Campaign.
 - Models will be accessible to visitors who cannot access the locations physically.
- The Fort Eustis Cultural Resources Program will provide oversight of the project.
 - The William and Mary Center for Archaeological Research will execute the project aided by the US Army Corps of Engineers Engineering Research and Development Center.

Endview Plantation

Newport News Parks, Recreation, and Tourism

- This Endview Plantation Interpretive Program will enhance visitors' knowledge of the roles Endview and surrounding areas played in the following conflicts:
 - Revolutionary War: The current plantation house on the property was completed in 1769 for William Harwood, who would later provide livestock and grain for the Continental Army and the Virginia Militia during the 1781 Siege of Yorktown.
 - Civil War: During the Peninsula Campaign, specifically the Siege of Yorktown, Endview was headquarters for two Confederate generals, Lafayette McLaws and Robert Toombs.
- The exhibition and interpretive plan will include development of a new interactive historic tour of the plantation house.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO CODE OF VIRGINIA § 2.2-3711 (A)(3)

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Lazaro offered the following motion:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 2.2-3711 (A) (3) of the Code of Virginia, I move that the Board go into closed meeting for the purpose of discussion or consideration of the potential acquisition of various parcels of real property for a public purpose, namely property which could be acquired with funds being administered by the Board under the terms of the Memorandum of Agreement among the Commonwealth, Dominion Virginia Energy, and the United States for mitigation of impacts from the Surry-Skiffes Creek-Wheaton 500 kV transmission line, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Commonwealth. Board members may be joined by the Executive Secretary and other staff members and counsel for the Board. Board members shall only discuss such possible acquisitions and shall not discuss any other matters."

Mr. Milde seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The Board the convened in Executive Session.

BOARD ACTION

CERTIFICATION

Mr. Lazaro offered the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Board has convened 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 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Commission that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Commission in the closed meeting.

Mr. Pollard seconded and Secretary Ward called for a roll call vote:

VOTE

Aye: Ward, Lazaro, Howell, Ball, Booth, Ford, Hanger, Hubbard, Lawson, Milde, Ottley, Pollard, Presley, Woodley

Nay: None

The motion carried.

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Lazaro offered the following motion:

I move that the Board approve grants for the City of Newport News Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department for enhancement of the Endview Plantation in the amount of \$115,000, and the Fort Crawford 3D scanning project in the amount of \$275,600.

Mr. Ball seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Lazaro offered the following motion:

I move that the Board approve grants to support possible land acquisitions by the Virginia Outdoors Foundation, the Chickahominy Indian Tribe, Belmead on the James, the City of Newport News, the Capital Region Land Conservancy, the Civil War Trust and the Department of Conservation and Recreation as presented to the Board during the closed session. The total amount of the awards shall not exceed \$11,400,000, with individual projects subject to the caps presented by the Executive Secretary during the closed session. In the event any individual project is successfully completed for less than the amount identified, the Executive Secretary may reallocate unexpended funds to any one of the other projects discussed during the closed session. The Executive Secretary shall, upon completion of negotiation for acquisition for any project, provide a report to the Board of the total amount of funds allocated to such project. As to any acquisition that is relying on multiple funding sources, disbursement of the VLCF grant shall only occur upon demonstration that the remaining funding shall be available to complete the project.

Mr. Woodley seconded and the motion carried.

Secretary Ward thanked members for attending and for their participation. She noted that this was her last meeting. She expressed appreciation to the Board and staff.

Director Cristman thanked Secretary Ward for her leadership.

BOARD ACTION

Mr. Woodley moved that the Virginia Land Conservation Foundation Board of Trustees pass a resolution to express appreciation for and commendation of Secretary of Natural Resources Molly Ward for her service to the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Governor's Cabinet and more particularly for her leadership of the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADJOURN

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Honorable Molly Ward
Secretary of Natural Resources
Chair

Clyde E. Cristman
Director, DCR
Executive Secretary