

Meeting Minutes
Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
4000 West Broad Street, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23230
August 7, 2012
1:00pm

Present: Mr. Leon O. Turner, Sr., Chairman; **Committee Members:** Mr. J. Brent Clarke, III and Mr. Garry Gray; **Absent:** Mr. James Hazel, Alternate Member; **Board Member:** Curtis Dixon Colgate; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert "Bob" W. Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Larry Hart, Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts, Mr. David Whitehurst.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The Director introduced and thanked Mr. Carl Garrison, III, State Forester for the Virginia Department of Forestry, for his attendance at today's meeting.

The Chairman called for Public Comment and hearing none, moved forward with the agenda.

Approval of the June 27, 2012 Meeting Minutes: The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2012 meeting. Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the minutes be approved as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Gray. Ayes: Clarke, Gray and Turner.

Staff Recommendations for Regulation Changes: Mr. Whitehurst provided an overview of the current regulation cycle.

Mr. Gary Martel presented the Staff's proposed **Fisheries Regulation Amendments** for final adoption.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman called for public comment. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion. **Mr. Clarke made the following motion: I hereby move that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the fish regulation proposals as presented today, to become effective January 1, 2013. Motion Seconded by Mr. Gray. Ayes: Clarke, Gray and Turner.**

Ms. Becky Gwyn presented the Staff's proposed **Wildlife Diversity (non-game) Regulation Amendment** for final adoption.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman called for public comment. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion. **Mr. Gray made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move that the Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee recommend that the Board approve the wildlife diversity regulation amendments as presented. Motion Seconded by Mr. Clarke. The Chairman called for discussion on the motion: Mr. Clarke requested when the motion is presented to the full Board the appropriate code section for the Endangered Species list be included. Ayes: Clarke, Gray and Turner.**

Mr. Tom Guess presented the Staff's proposed **Boating Regulation Amendment** for final adoption.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman called for public comment. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion. **Mr. Gray made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the boating regulation amendments as presented today, to become effective January 1, 2013. Motion Seconded by Mr. Clarke. Ayes: Clarke, Gray and Turner.**

Mr. Brian Moyer present the Staff's proposed ADA Regulation Amendment for final adoption.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman called for public comment. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion. **Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee recommend to the full Board the Regulation amendment for 4 VAC 15-20-100 as presented by staff. Motion Seconded by Mr. Gray. The Chairman called for discussion. A discussion was held between the Committee, Director and Staff regarding the effective date. This regulation will be effective January 1, 2013. Ayes: Clarke, Gray and Turner.**

Dr. Gary Costanzo presented the Staff's proposed the 2012-2013 Migratory Waterfowl Seasons and Bag Limits.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman called for public comment. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion. **Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the 2012-2013 Waterfowl Seasons, bag limits as presented by staff and to further authorize staff to modify seasons and bag limits, if necessary, to comply with the established Federal Frameworks. Motion Seconded by Mr. Gray. Ayes: Clarke, Gray and Turner.**

The Chairman called for a 10 minute break.

Department Land Use Plan: Mr. Larry Hart presented the Agency Use Plans for review. The Staff recommends the following:

- Maintain reportable properties as currently developed.
- No tracts recommended for surplus designation.
- Report on headquarters properties.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman called for public comment. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion. **Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that the land use plans for reportable agency properties as presented by staff be recommended to the Board for approval at its August 14, 2012 meeting. Motion Seconded by Mr. Gray. Ayes: Clarke, Gray and Turner.**

Law Enforcement Update: Colonel Watts provided the Committee with an update on Law Enforcement Activities.

The Chairman thanked Colonel Watts for his report.

Wildlife Management Areas Policy: Mr. David Whitehurst presented the Wildlife Management Areas Policy for review and discussion by the Committee.

Following the presentation, a discussion was by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman called for public comment. Hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion. **Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that the Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee accept the proposed Goals and Principles for managing Virginia's Wildlife Management Areas and refer this policy to the Education, Planning and Outreach Committee for its review and presentation to the full Board of Game and Inland Fisheries for consideration as Board policy. Motion seconded by Mr. Gray. Ayes: Clarke, Gray and Turner.**

Bureau Update: Mr. Whitehurst presented an update on the activities of the Bureau of Wildlife Resources Bureau.

Legislative Studies Update/Director's Report: The Director reported on the following items:

- Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show
- Kentucky Natural Resources Board Meeting
- Atlantic Flyway Council Meeting
- Studies:
 - Dangerous Animals
 - Fox Hound Training Preserves
 - Recreational Access for Hunting on Private Land
 - Four Poster Study
- Activities on the South Holston River

Chairman's Remarks: The Chairman thanked the Director and Staff for their reports and presentations during today's meeting. The Chairman also commended the staff for their work during the Flyway Council Meeting recently held in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Additional Business/Comments: The Chairman called for additional business/comments from the Board. Hearing none, the Chairman announced the next meeting.

Next meeting date: The Chairman announced the next meeting date will be October 3, 2012. **Due to scheduling conflicts the meeting has been changed to September 26, 2012 beginning at 2:00pm**

Adjournment: The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Clarke made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move this meeting be adjourned. Motion Seconded by Mr. Gray. Ayes: Clarke, Gray and Turner.**

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Beth B. Drewery
Secretary, Board of Game and Inland Fisheries