

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes
Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
4000 West Broad Street, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23230
September 26, 2012**

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:** Board Chairman Mr. F. Scott Reed, Jr. and Board Vice Chairman Curtis Dixon Colgate; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert “Bob” W. Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Larry Hart, Colonel Dabney “Dee” Watts, Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Tom Gelozin, Dr. Joice Conyers, Mr. Lee Walker.

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

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm and noted for the record that a quorum was present.

Approval of the August 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes: [\(Listen\)](#) The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7, 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: Turner, Clarke and Gray.

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items: [\(Listen\)](#)

The Chairman called for Public Comment for Non-Agenda Items.

Mr. Charles Pool spoke on fox pens

Ms. Laura Donahue of Richmond, Virginia spoke in support of a moratorium on fox pens

Ms. Alice Leigh Mason of Gordonsville, Virginia spoke in opposition to fox pen

Mr. Will Lowry of Richmond, Virginia spoke against fox penning.

The Chairman thanked the speakers for their attendance and having an interest in the Department.

Bureau of Wildlife Presentations: [\(Listen\)](#)

Mr. Bob Ellis introduced Mr. Cully McCurdy, Regional Biologist National Wild Turkey Federation gave a presentation on “Cooperative Efforts for Early Succession Habitat Improvements on National Forest Utilizing Sportsmen’s Dollars”.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman thanks Mr. McCurdy for his attendance and presentation.

Mr. Bob Ellis introduced Mr. Craig LeSchack, Director, Conservation Programs – Southeast Unit of Ducks Unlimited, Inc. gave a presentation on North American Waterfowl Management Plan Revision and the North American Wetlands Conservation Act.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman thanked Mr. LeShack for his attendance and presentation.

Public Comment – Agenda Item:

The Chairman called for Public Comment.

Mr. Wayne Thacker of Bumpass, Virginia spoke in favor of a moratorium toward more early succession of Forest Habitat on Public Lands.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Thacker for attending and his comments.

The chairman thanked everyone for their presentations and called for a 10 minute break. Following the break, the Chairman continued with the remaining agenda items.

Capital Programs: ([Listen](#))

Mr. Larry Hart gave a Review of Capital Projects for Fiscal Year 2013 which included New projects and Carry Forward projects.

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman thanked Mr. Hart for his presentation.

Law Enforcement Update: ([Listen](#)) Colonel Watts provided the Committee with an update on the following law enforcement activities:

- HR update
- Attendance at the Sheriff Association conference
- DGIF Outdoor Day with Delegate Ransone
- Informed the committee the Chiefs of Police have begun the management study

Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman thanked Colonel Watts for his presentation.

Mr. F. Scott Reed, Jr. departed the meeting at 3:30 pm.

Director's Report: ([Listen](#)) The Director reported on the following items:

- Vic Thomas Hatchery Update
- Wildlife Rehabilitator Permits
- Additional PALS Land in Southwest Virginia
- Dedication of Lynnhaven Estuary Property (Pleasure House Point), Virginia Beach
- Legislative Studies – Dangerous Animals
- 4-Poster Projects in Northern Virginia
- Increased Public Access

The Director introduced the new Budget Analyst, Ms. Joi Williams.

Following the reports, a discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman thanked the Director for his report.

Chairman's Remarks: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman thanked the Director and Staff for their reports and presentations during today's meeting.

Additional Business/Comments: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called for additional business/comments from the Board. Hearing none, the Chairman announced the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman announced the next meeting date will be March 12, 2013.

Adjournment: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Gray made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move this meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Mr. Clarke. Ayes: Turner, Clarke, Gray.**

**Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell**