

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

**October 17, 2013
9:00 am**

Present: Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate, **Chairman**, Mr. Ben Davenport, **Vice-Chairman**, Mr. Garry Gray, Mr. Hugh Palmer, Ms. Lisa Caruso, Mr. Leon Turner, Mr. Charles Cunningham, Dr. Mark Winkler. **Absent:** Mr. Scott Reed, Mr. David Bernhardt, Mr. Vaughn Groves; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert W. "Bob" Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Legal Counsel:** Mr. Matt Gooch, **Senior Leadership:** Mr. David Whitehurst, Lt. Colonel Mike Clark, Mr. Larry Hart, Mr. Tom Gelozin, Dr. Joice Conyers, Mr. Lee Walker.

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. Mr. Gray read the Mission statement and Sheriff Agnew from Goochland County led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman welcomed Mr. Matt Gooch from the Attorney General's office and Ms. Carol Rauschberg from DHRM. The Chairman announced there would be a Closed Session during the Board meeting.

Public Comments – Non Agenda Items: The Chairman called for public Comments-Non Agenda Items.

- Ms. Jenny West spoke regarding Sunday Hunting

The Chairman thanked Ms. West for her comments.

Recognition of Employee: The Chairman called on Director Duncan for an announcement. Director Duncan announced that Major Ronald Henry had been selected as the new Colonel for Law Enforcement. At the request of the Director, Dr. Joice Conyers, DGIF Director of Human Resources, came forward and pinned the Colonel with his eagle collar devices.

Approval of the August 22, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the August 22, 2013 meeting had been distributed and posted to the website for review. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the August 22, 2013 minutes as presented. Mr. Gray made a motion the minutes be approved as presented and Mr. Davenport seconded the motion. Ayes: Colgate, Davenport, Gray, Palmer, Caruso, Turner, Cunningham, Winkler.

Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2014: The Chairman presented the calendar for Board Meetings for 2014 and asked for a motion and second. Mr. Davenport made a motion that the meeting calendar for 2014 be approved as presented and Mr. Gray seconded the motion. Ayes: Colgate, Davenport, Gray, Palmer, Caruso, Turner, Cunningham, Winkler.

Committee Meeting Reports:

Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee: Mr. Davenport, Chairman of the Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee reported the committee had not met since the last Board meeting and there was no report.

Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement: Ms. Caruso, Chairwoman of the Wildlife, Planning, and Law Enforcement Committee reported the committee had not met since the last Board meeting and there was no report.

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee: Mr. Gray, Chairman of the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee reported the committee had not met since the last Board meeting and there was no report.

Presentation by Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police: Ms. Schrad had not arrived so The Chairman called for the Closed Session motion.

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

Mr. Cunningham made the following motion:

**Closed Meeting Motion
October 17, 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 employee of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries specifically regarding:

The performance of the Director

Secondly, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.7 of the Code of Virginia for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiation or litigating posture of the public body, and for consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, and pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.6 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where , if made public initially, the financial interest of the governmental unit would be adversely affected, with respect to:

The relocation of the agency headquarters

This closed meeting will be attended only by members of the Board. However, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712 (F), the Board requests counsel, the Department Director, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Infrastructure Director to also attend this meeting, as it believes their presence will reasonable aid the Board in its consideration of topics that are the subject of the meeting.

It was seconded by Mr. Davenport . Ayes: Colgate, Davenport, Gray, Palmer, Caruso, Turner, Cunningham, Winkler.

****The Closed Session motion was extended to allow the Wildlife Foundation and the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police to give their reports at this time.*

Wildlife Foundation: Ms. Jenny West gave an update on the Wildlife Foundation.

The Chairman and Director commended Ms. West for her work with the Department and on the Wildlife Foundation.

Presentation by Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police: Ms. Dana Schrad, Executive Director of the Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police presented the completed Chiefs of Police study to the Board.

The Board went into Closed Session at 10:50 am.

Mr. Davenport departed at 11:30 am.

The Board reconvened at 12:22 pm.

Dr. Winkler moved the following Certification.

**Certification of Closed Meeting
October 17, 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 provisions 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 meeting 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 member's 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. Gray.

The Board Secretary conducted the following voice roll call certification:

Gray – Aye
Colgate-Aye
Palmer- Aye
Caruso- Aye
Turner-Aye
Cunningham-Aye
Winkler-Aye

Recognition of Employees and Others: The Chairman called on Director Duncan for purposes of several staff recognitions.

The Director and David Whitehurst recognized staff:

- Mr. Don Ashby – Lands and Facilities Specialist –of- the- Year, Presented by Tom Hampton, Region III Lands an Facilities Manager
- Ms. Ruth Boettcher - Wildlife Biologist- of- the- Year, Presented by Glen Askins, Region I Terrestrial Wildlife Manger
- Mr. John Odenkirk – Aquatic Biologist- of- the- Year, Presented by Paul Bugas, Region IV Aquatic Wildlife Manager.
- Mr. Fred Frenzel – Certificate of Recognition, Presented by Jerry Sims, Region IV Terrestrial Wildlife Manager.

Law Enforcement presented the Conservation Police Life Saving Award: Captain Kevin Clarke, Region IV Law Enforcement Manager presented:

- Ian Ostlund – Conservation Police Life Saving Award

Director’s Report: The Director reported on the following items:

- The Virginia Wildlife Conflict Helpline – The Director called on Glen Askins for update
- Feral Pigs in Virginia – The Director called on Mike Dye to discuss Feral Pigs
- On-Line Hunter Ed - The Director called on Tom Guess for a report
- The Director gave an update on the new facility to hold bears at The Wildlife Center
- The Director noted that Sequestration of Federal Funds has the potential to increase withholdings from 5.1% to 11%.
- The Director provided a brief report on the success of the youth/apprentice hunting day which resulted in approximately 2,600 deer and more than 66 black bears harvested.

Chairman’s Report: The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and presentation and congratulated Colonel Ron Henry and commented staff for their hard work.

Additional Business/Comments: Mr. Gray commented on the new app for Game Laws.

Next Meeting Date: The Chairman announced the next Board meeting will be January 28, 2014 at 9:00 am.

Adjournment: The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gray made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Caruso seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell