

## Final Meeting Minutes

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee  
Board of Wildlife Resources  
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room  
Henrico, VA 23228

January 18, 2023  
3:00 pm

**Present:** Dr. Mamie Parker, **Chair:** Mr. George Terwilliger, **Absent:** Mr. Michael Formica, Mr. John Daniel; **Board members present:** Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. G. K. Washington, Mr. Jon Cooper, Mr. Tom Sadler and Ms. Tammy Franklin (virtual); Executive **Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Deputy Director:** Ms. Becky Gwynn; **Director's Working Group:** Ms. Paige Pearson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. Darin Moore, Mr. Tom Guess, Mr. Bob Smet, Mr. George Braxton, (virtual) Dr. Gray Anderson, Mr. Paul Kugelman.

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting.

**Approval of the October 18, 2022, Meeting Minutes:** The Chair called for a motion to approve the October 18, 2022, Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Terwilliger made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2022, committee meeting minutes and Dr. Parker seconded the motion. Ayes, Parker and Terwilliger

**Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item:** The Chair called for Public Comments on Non –Agenda Items, hearing none, the Chair continued with the meeting.

**The Virginia Wildlife Grant Program – A 360 Perspective:** The Chair called on Mr. Tom Wilcox for a presentation.

Mr. Tom Wilcox gave a presentation on The Virginia Wildlife Grant Program – A 360 Perspective.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Wilcox for his presentation.

**New Staff Introductions and Update on Hiring Plans for 2023:** The Chair called on Mr. Bob Smet for Introductions and Updates.

Mr. Smet Introduced New Staff for Education, Planning and Outreach Division and gave any update on the Hiring Plans for 2023.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Smet for his introductions and updates.

**Paddlesports Plan Update:** The Chair called on Mr. Bob Smet for a Paddlesports Plan Update.

Mr. Smet gave a Paddlesports Plan Update for the coming future.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Smet for his Update.

**Hunter Safety and Volunteer Update:** The Chair called on Mr. Brian Moyer for a Hunter Safety and Volunteer Update.

Mr. Moyer gave a Hunter Safety and Volunteer Update.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Moyer for his Update.

**Agency-Wide Employee Climate Survey Report:** The Chair called on Mr. George Braxton for a Report.

Mr. Braxton gave agency-wide Employee Climate Survey Report.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Braxton for his report.

**Outreach Division Update:** The Chair called on Mr. Bob Smet.

Mr. Smet Reported:

- Outreach participation in the Flyfishing and Wine Festival
- Upcoming Winter Wildlife Festival in Virginia Beach
- Elk Lottery information on February 1, 2023

**Director's Report:** The Chair called on Mr. Ryan Brown for his Director's Report.

The Director reported:

- Thanked the Outreach Staff for their updates and information.

**Chair's Report:**

The Chair commented that at the October 19, 2022 Board meeting the Board gave the Executive Director with his visionary, problem solving, hard working, his yearly performance evaluation and thanked the Board for their hard work during the last year.

The Chair asked if anyone had any further questions or comments and hearing none, the Chair announced the next meeting will be Wednesday, March 15, 2023, and adjourned the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Frances Boswell