

Draft Board Meeting Minutes

Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive
Henrico, VA 23228

August 20, 2026
9:00 am

Present:

Mr. Woody Woodall, **Vice Chair, Board Members:** Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Mr. Will Wampler,(v) Mr. Jon Cooper, Mr. James Edmunds, Ms. Marlee Dance, Ms. Laura Walters, Mr. James Maclin; Mr. Cyrus Baird; **Absent:** Mr. Michael Formica; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Dr. Mike Bednarski, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Michael Lipford, Ms. Stacey Brown, Ms. Shelby Crouch, Mr. Paul Kugelman, Colonel John Cobb

The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The Board Secretary took a Roll call vote for Attendance. Ayes: Woodall, Baird, Edmunds, Cooper, Maclin, Walters, Wampler (v), Broaddus, Dance, Terwilliger,

The Chair called on Mr. Cyrus Baird to read the Mission Statement.

Mr. Woody Woodal, the Vice Chair led the Pledge to the Flag.

Ms. Kelci Block, Assistant Attorney General attended the Board meeting.

Recognition of Employees and Others: The Chair called on Mr. Ryan Brown for recognitions.

Director Brown called on Colonel Cobb who recognized Officer First Class Tyler Dagliano as the Boating Officer of the year.

Director Brown called on Deputy Director Becky Gwynn who recognized Mr. J. D. Kloepper for receiving The Alison Haskell Award for Excellence in Herpetofaunal Conservation which is a National Organization.

Director Brown recognized Ms. Becky Gwynn who recognized Director Ryan Brown for receiving The Gerald P. McCarthy Award for Leadership in Environmental Conflict Resolution.

Director Brown recognized outgoing Chair of the Board Mr. George Terwilliger for his 4 years of service on the Board and for his year as Chairman of the Board.

Approval of the May 21, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of May 21, 2026, Board meeting minutes have been distributed and posted to website for review. The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Baird made a motion to approve the May 21, 2026, Board Meeting minutes. It was seconded by Ms. Walters. The Board Secretary took a Roll call vote. Ayes: Woodall, Terwilliger, Edmunds, Cooper, Maclin, Walters, Wampler, (v) Broaddus, Dance, Baird

Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:

- Mr. Chris Patton spoke regarding Property Rights (p)
- Mr. Raymond Carter spoke regarding private land access for sportsman(p)
- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding Landowner Conflicts (v)
- Mr. Robert Akers spoke regarding Wildlife (v)

Committee Reports:

Wildlife and Boat Committee:

The Chair called on Mr. James Edmunds, Chair of the Wildlife and Boat Committee, for an update of the Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting.

Mr. Edmunds gave a report on the Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting from May 20, 2026, Committee meeting.

Mr. Edmunds presented 6 Action Items for a Final Vote.

Mr. Edmunds made a motion on the presentation of staff recommendations for sportfishing regulations. I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the updates to Sportfish Regulations Amendments as presented by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Walters. The Board Secretary took a Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Edmunds, Cooper, Woodall, Maclin, Walters, Wampler, (v) Broaddus, Dance, Baird, Terwilliger.

Mr. Edmunds made a motion on the staff recommendations for Boating Regulations. I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the updates to Boating Regulations Amendments as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Broaddus. The Board Secretary took a Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Edmunds, Cooper, Woodall, Maclin, Walters, Broaddus, Dance, Baird, Terwilliger Nays: Wampler (v)

Mr. Edmunds made a motion on the presentation of the regulation changes recommended by Nongame staff: I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the Nongame Regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Broaddus. The Board Secretary took a Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Woodall, Baird, Edmunds, Cooper, Maclin, Walters, Wampler (v), Broadus, Dance, Terwilliger

Mr. Edmunds made a motion on the Wildlife Regulation recommendations (cervid rehab, beard hound training season, elk conservation license program.) I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the regulation recommendations as presented by staff to be put out for public comments. It was seconded by Mr. Broaddus. The Board Secretary took a Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Woodall, Baird, Edmunds, Cooper, Maclin, Walters, Wampler (v), Broaddus, Dance, Terwilliger.

Mr. Edmunds made a motion on the Stocked Trout Management Plan. I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the Stocked Trout Management Plan. It was seconded by Ms. Walters. The Board Secretary took a Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Woodall, Baird, Edmunds, Cooper, Maclin, Walters, Wampler (v), Broaddus, Dance, Terwilliger.

- Mr. Bruce Clark spoke regarding the Stocked Trout Management Plan
- Mr. Kent Sylvester spoke regarding the Stocked Trout Management Plan

The Chair thanked the speakers for their comments.

Mr. Edmunds made a motion on the Schedule of Committees and Board Meetings for 2026-2027 and the 2027-2028 Wildlife Regulation Review and Amendment Process. I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the Schedule of Committees and Board Meetings for 2026-2027 and the 2027-2028 Wildlife Regulation Review and Amendment Process. It was seconded by Mr. Broaddus. The Board Secretary took a Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Woodall, Baird, Edmunds, Cooper, Maclin, Walters, Wampler, (v), Broaddus, Dance, Terwilliger.

The Chair thanked Mr. Edmunds for his report on the Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting of August 19, 2026.

Finance, Audit, & Compliance Committee Report:

Mr. Woody Woodall, Chair of the Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee, gave an update on the Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee meeting from August 19, 2026.

- Mr. Kirby Burch spoke in favor of the License Increase

Mr. Woodall gave an update on the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee meeting of August 19, 2026. Mr. Woodall reported Mr. Darin Moore presented the Public Comments and Recommended Adoption for regulatory amendments to increase certain hunting, fishing, and

trapping license fees and certain boat registration and titling fees, consistent with the Boards's statutory authorities.

After questions and comments, Mr. Woodall called for a motion.

Mr. Broaddus made a motion; I move that the Board of Wildlife Resources adopt the new fee proposals for increase in Certain Licenses and Fees, as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Cooper.

The Board Secretary took a Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Woodall, Baird, Cooper, Walters, Broaddus, Terwilliger Nay: Edmunds, Maclin, Wampler (v), Dance

Law Enforcement Committee Report:

The Chair called on Mr. Ryan Brown for an update on the Law Enforcement Committee meeting of August 19, 2026.

Mr. Brown gave an update on the Law Enforcement Committee meeting of August 19, 2026, reporting the officers presented the VCP Honor Guard which was very informative.

Mr. Brown reported that Colonel Cobb gave a law enforcement update, reporting:

1. Current CPO Vacancy Map
2. W3 Basic Law Enforcement Academy (15th) Class Graduation on September 3, 2026
3. Field Communication Initiatives in 2026
4. VCP Annual Report 2025 has been published and is available
5. Law Enforcement will be honored with the AFWA 2026 LE conservation Award at the upcoming conference

The Chair thanked Mr. Brown for his update at the Law Enforcement Committee meeting of August 19, 2026.

Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee Report:

The Chair called on Mr. Broaddus for an update on the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee meeting of August 19, 2026.

Mr. Broaddus gave an update on the Education, Planning, and Outreach Committee Report of August 20, 2026.

Mr. Broaddus reported that staff on the EPO Committee gave an update on Printed Products of the agency and how we are streamlining them and making them easier to read and cheaper. Also, Outreach had 78,6459 views on the DWR website, 8706,000 Contact by emails, 3,100,097

Impressions on social media, reached out and touched 55,000 participants, and organized and created 800 events.

Directors Reports: Director Brown thanked the Board for their involvement in the topics that have come before the Board this year and their gratitude in working on our funding as we move forward.

Chair's Report: The Chair asked if anyone had any further comments or questions and announced that the next Board meeting will be Thursday, October 22, 2026 and announced the Board would go into Close Session.

Mr. Edmunds had a comment, As Chairman of the Wildlife and Board Committee he announced that he would have an Agenda Item on the October 21, 2026, AGenda concerning Tracking Collars.

Closed Session: The Chair announced the Board would go into Close Session at 11:10 am.

Mr. Terwilliger read the Close Session Motion; it was seconded by Mr. Broaddus. The Board Secretary took a Roll Call Vote: Woodall, Baird, Edmunds, Cooper, Maclin, Walters, Wampler, (v), Broaddus, Dance, Terwilliger

Closed Meeting Motion, August 20, 2026

Mr. Chairman,

I move that the Board go into a closed meeting:

First, 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, discipline, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or other employees of the Department of Wildlife Resources, specifically regarding the performance of the Director and employees of the Department.

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

The Board reconvened from Closed Session at 12:15 pm

Mr. Terwilliger read the Certification of Closed Meeting Motion; it was seconded by Mr. Broaddus. Ayes: Woodall, Edmunds, Cooper, Maclin, Walters, Broaddus, Dance, Baird, Terwilliger

Certification of Closed Meeting

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WHEREAS, the Board of Wildlife Resources conducted a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom 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 Wildlife Resources hereby 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.

Additional Business/Comments: The Chair asked if any additional business or comments.

The Chair asked if anyone had any further comments, hearing none, he adjourned the Board meeting at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell