

Draft Meeting Minutes
Law Enforcement Committee
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23228

May 21, 2025
2:00 pm

Present: Mr. Michael Formica, **Chair**, Mr. George Terwilliger, and Mr. Jon Cooper; **Board Members in attendance:** Mr. James Edmunds, Mr. Will Wampler, Mr. Lynwood Broaddus, Ms. Laura Walters, Mr. Woody Woodall, Mr. Brian Vincent; **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. George Braxton, Colonel John Cobb, Ms. Stacey Brown, Ms. Shelby Crouch, Mr. Paul Kugelman

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:45 pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Chair noted for the record that there was a quorum present for the meeting.

Meeting Minutes: The Chair called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve the March 19, 2025, committee meeting. Mr. Terwilliger second the motion. Ayes: Formica, Terwilliger, Cooper

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Item.

- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding the year-to-date hunting dog complaints
- Judge Charlton (virtual) spoke regarding Law enforcement Hunting data Report

The Chair thanked the speakers for their comments.

New Wildlife Crime Watch Partnership: The Chair called on Major Frank Spuchesi for a presentation.

Major Frank Spuchesi gave a presentation on the New Wildlife Crime Watch Partnership.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Major Spuchesi for his presentation.

Law Enforcement Chief Update: The Chair called on Colonel Cobb for an update.

Colonel Cobb reported:

1. True Wildlife Crime Podcasts (4 series nearly 1/2 million combined views)
 - Exposing a Prolific Turkey Poacher
 - Inside Virginia's Elite K9 Team
 - The Hollywood Buck Case
 - The Poaching Spree That Shocked Southwest Virginia
 - Newest one next week – Strippers at Kerr Dam (Mecklenburg County)
2. Current Basic Academy Update (w/MRC enrollment)
 - Training Personnel Changes:
Major Milt Robinson retired and Jody Blackwell is the Academy Director
 - On Week 11 of 28, still have all 14 DWR Recruits (4 MRC Recruits)
 - 14th Basic Academy Graduation is on September 12, 2025
3. W3 (Woods*Wildlife*Water) Natural Resources Training Academy (Update)
 - Established Vision, Mission, Goals and Objectives
 - Launched the Membership Program for individual donations
 - Can see this info at our new webpage <https://dwr.virginia.gov/w3>
 - Having partnership meetings and preparing for corporate sponsors
 - Planning to give a Detailed Progress Report at the August Law Committee

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Colonel Cobb for his update.

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

The Director reported:

- The Director thanked the Law Enforcement for their work with this agency.

Chair's Report:

The Chair thanked Law Enforcement staff for their presentations and always is appreciative of hearing the great work from law staff.

The Chair announced the next Law Enforcement committee meeting will be Wednesday, August 22, 2025, and asked if there were any additional comments, hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Frances Boswell