



# December 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

*Recorded by: Rick Mattox*

## Call to order: Erica Goode

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 AM.

## Secretary Report (Approve minutes): Loren Jacobs

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as published in the fall newsletter

## Treasurer's Report: Mitch Sims

No Report

## Membership Report: Ginnie Peck

143 members. Ginnie will mail list to members.

## Newsletter Report: Jaime Baird

Much appreciation and thanks to Jaime for the excellent job she has done with the newsletter over the past couple of years. Gabby Safley will take over publishing and distribution of the newsletter. Thanks Gabby for volunteering to take over this important responsibility.

## Webmaster Report: Traci Martin

No report. All domains are current.

## Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger

Allen's Creek access: Most of the Conservation and Foundation reports were devoted to reviewing the possible purchase of 3 acres on Allen Creek to preserve access to the James River 3 miles above Bent Creek (Route 60 bridge). The current owner informed several FFV paddlers that he intended to post the Allen's Creek left access with no trespassing signs. After much research and leg work, Bill Tanger determined that the creek right access was owned by Eric Morgan, son of Dave Morgan, deceased, former FFV members. After some discussion with Bill, Eric has offered to sell the property to FORVA and FFV for \$25,000.

## Conservation Chair Report: Bill Tanger Cont.

After further discussion, a motion was made and seconded to pursue the purchase of this property as described above. Bill will be presenting this proposal to FORVA in the near future. More to come on this possible purchase.

Craig's Creek access. Riparian landowners along Craig's Creek have filed suit against VMRC to declare an illegal taking of their land. They allege that since they own the creek bottom they should be able to prevent boaters from paddling that section of the Creek. A judicial decision in favor to the landowners could have a far reaching negative impact on boater access across the Commonwealth.

FORVA is going to intervene and file a friend of the court brief in support of VMRC. Case is scheduled to be tried in February.

Motion made and approved to support the VMRC position.

## FFV Foundation Report: Bill Tanger

See above under 'Conservation Chair Report.'