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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item #5

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

October 17, 2019

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Mr. Whitworth
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Roy Dean Wimmer Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor and memorialize the life and ultimate sacrifice of Private First Class Roy Dean Wimmer. Mr. Wimmer was born in 1948 in Whitewood in Buchanan County. He was drafted into the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War, beginning his tour on February 16, 1969. Mr. Wimmer obtained the rank of Private First Class serving in the Field Artillery, with the 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, Battery A; and

WHEREAS, while engaged in combat in Grant, South Vietnam, Tay Ninh province, Private First Class Roy Dean Wimmer sustained multiple fragmentation wounds which resulted in the loss of his life on March 8, 1969. Private First Class Wimmer either received or may have been qualified for the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and the Good Conduct Medal. Additionally, Mr. Wimmer is honored on the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial in Washington, D.C. with his name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 47e, Line 23; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated September 9, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life of Mr. Wimmer, name the bridge on Route 638, Dismal River Road, over Lynn Camp Creek, Buchanan County as the “Roy Dean Wimmer Memorial Bridge”; and

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WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named; and

WHEREAS, by resolution, Buchanan County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 638, Dismal River Road, over Lynn Camp Creek, Buchanan County as the "Roy Dean Wimmer Memorial Bridge"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Buchanan County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Roy Dean Wimmer Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 638, Dismal River Road, over Lynn Camp Creek, Buchanan County as the “Roy Dean Wimmer Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Buchanan County enacted a resolution on September 9, 2019 to honor and memorialize the life and ultimate sacrifice of Private First Class Roy Dean Wimmer. Mr. Wimmer was born in 1948 in Whitewood in Buchanan County. He was drafted into the United States Army and served during the Vietnam War, beginning his tour on February 16, 1969. Mr. Wimmer obtained the rank of Private First Class serving in the Field Artillery with the 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, Battery A.

While engaged in combat in Grant, South Vietnam, Tay Ninh province, Private First Class Roy Dean Wimmer sustained multiple fragmentation wounds which resulted in the loss of his life on March 8, 1969. Private First Class Wimmer either received or may have been qualified for the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, and the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Wimmer is honored on the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial in Washington, D.C. with his name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 30w, Line 83.

Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on Route 638, Dismal River Road, over Lynn Camp Creek, Buchanan County will be named as the “Roy Dean Wimmer Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, Buchanan County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.

RESOLUTION

Re: Bridge Naming on Route 638 "Dismal River Road", over "Lynn Camp Creek" in "Buchanan County" as the "Roy Dean Wimmer Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, Mr. Roy Dean Wimmer was born on April 22, 1948 in Whitewood, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wimmer was drafted into the U.S. Army and served during the Vietnam War having begun his tour on February 16, 1969. Mr. Wimmer obtained the rank of Private First Class and served in the Field Artillery, with the 1st Cavalry Division, 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery, A Battery; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wimmer while engaged in combat in Grant, South Vietnam, Tay Ninh province sustained multiple fragmentation wounds which resulted in the loss of his life on March 8, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wimmer either received or may have been qualified for the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Distinguished Unit Citation, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation and Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wimmer is honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, DC with his name inscribed at VVM Wall, Panel 30w, Line 83;

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 638, "Dismal River Road", over Lynn Camp Creek in Buchanan County as the "Roy Dean Wimmer Memorial Bridge";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Buchanan County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

This resolution was adopted this the 9th day of September 2019 by the Buchanan County, Va., Board of Supervisors.

Recorded Vote:

Moved by: Harold H. Fuller

Seconded by: Craig Stitner

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

I. Carroll Branham, Chairman of the Buchanan County, Va. Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Robert Craig Horn, County Administrator



Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN), VDOT, ITD, CO, Richmond, VA, GIS SIG, Annex, 3th floor

Notes

Location Reference
Route 638 Mile Marker: 16.33
VA Structure #6288
37.24315 Latitude
-81.87172 Longitude

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Bridge over Lynn Camp Creek



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Virginia Department of Transportation
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