

Minutes

Land Committee

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

October 25th, 2016

Attending:

Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman
Dwight Evans
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Mark Mobley
Mike Phelps

Board Members

William A. Bagwell, Jr., Chairman
Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman
Bodine Sinyard, Secretary
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Matt Sawhill
Brother Stewart
Miki Thomaston
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests

Molly Samuel, WABE
David Word, Joe Tanner and Assoc.
Dink NeSmith, The Press-Sentinel
Eric NeSmith, The Press-Sentinel
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner and Assoc.
Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power
Toni Presnell, Oglethorpe Power
Andrew Schock, TCF
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeepers
Jillian Kysor, Southern Environmental Law Center
Christopher Bowers, Southern Environmental Law Center
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Terry West
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Col. Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
John Martin
Cpl. Kate Hargrove
Doug Haymans
Thomas Barnard
Stephen Adams
Antoinette Norfleet
John Bowers
Shellby Johnson
Richard Dunn
Lauren Curry
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Karen Hays
Doralyn Kirkland
Chuck Mueller
Erin Ruoff
Bert Langley
Eric Coinwell
Jon Ambrose

The October 25th, 2016 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by William Bagwell, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Bagwell called on Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman of the Land Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated that the first item, Item A, is the 4,500± acre Sansavilla Tract- Stage II in Wayne County as an addition to the Altamaha River-Sansavilla Wildlife Management Area. He further stated that the plan to acquire this property involves three phases and the purchase would be from The Conservation Fund. He added that the Conservation Fund would retain timber rights for the first 11 years to lower the purchase price.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 4,500± acres, Altamaha River-Sansavilla Wildlife Management Area, Sansavilla Tract-II, Wayne County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the second item, Item B, is the 3,087± acre Alligator Creek Tract in Wheeler County. He further stated that this tract is considered one of the top 5 tracts in the state. He added that this will become a Wildlife Management Area available to the public.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 3,087± acres, Alligator Creek Tract, Wheeler County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that the third item, Item C, is the acquisition of the Coleman Tract in Taylor County as an addition to the Fall Line Sandhills Wildlife Management Area. He further stated that this will double the size of the WMA and help protect gopher tortoise populations.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 1,115± acres, Coleman Tract, Fall Line Sandhills Wildlife Management Area, Taylor County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that the next two items, Items D and E, would be presented together. He further stated that Item D is the acquisition of the 500± acre Forestar Tract in Paulding County as an addition to the Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area. He added that Item E is the acquisition of 391± acre LP Tract in Paulding County as an addition to the Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the items as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Leebern and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the 500± acres of real property, Forestar Tract, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, Paulding County as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the 391± acres of real property, LP Tract, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, Paulding County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next two items, Items F and G, would be presented together. He further stated that Item F is the acquisition of .29± acres at 110 Shi Street to buffer the Robins Air Force Base. He added that Item G is the acquisition of .26 acres at 879 Oak Avenue to buffer the Robins Air Force Base.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the items as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .29± acres of real property, 110 Shi Street, Robins Air Force Base Project, Houston County as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .26± acres of real property, 879 Oak Avenue, Robins Air Force Base, Houston County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item H requests an executive order to demolish an old beach house at Indian Springs State Park in Butts County. He further stated that Parks intends to demolish the building to construct a new group shelter.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the items as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to request an Executive Order to demolish an old beach house at Indian Springs State Park, Butts County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item I would be the granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of .05± acres to the Canoochee EMC at the Evans County Public Fishing Area. He further stated that the power is needed for a new pavilion. He added that the recommendation is that this should be done at no-cost.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the items as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval and General Assembly approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.05± acres to Canoochee EMC, Evans County Public Fishing Area, Evans County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.