

Minutes

Land Committee

Lake Blackshear Resort Conference Center
Ballroom A
2459-H US Highway 280 West
Cordele, GA 31015

December 13, 2016

Attending:

Committee Members

Paul Shailendra, Chairman
Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman
Dwight Evans
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert, Jr.
Mark Mobley
William A Bagwell, Jr., Board Chairman, Ex-Officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Aaron McWhorter
Matt Sawhill
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Miki Thomaston
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ronnie Just, Georgia Power
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Mark Walker, Georgia Natural Resources Foundation
Mark Osterhaus, Coral Hospitality
Christopher Schaeffer, Coral Hospitality

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Artica Gaston
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Col. Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Bill Donohue
John Erbele
Jac Capp
Richard Dunn
Lauren Curry
Jeff Cown
John Bowers
Chuck Mueller
Bill Murphey
Josh Purdy, *Parks*
James Hamilton, *NGMA*

The December 13, 2016 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by William Bagwell, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Bagwell called on Paul Shailendra, Chairman of the Land Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated that the first item is a proposal to acquire a 90± acre conservation easement and quit claim of 698± acres of marsh at the Musgrove Plantation in Glynn County as Stage II of III total stages. He further stated that this property is a high priority habitat.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, 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 the 90± acres conservation easement and the quit claim of 698± acres of marsh, Musgrove Plantation Stage II, St. Simons Land Trust, Glynn County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would present the next five items (B-F) together and ask for one single motion. He further stated that these are each tracts to buffer the Robins Air Force Base. He added that Bond 120 would pay for all of them.

Mr. Friedman stated that all buildings will be removed and that HPD has determined that none of the buildings have any historical significance. The three items are as follows: (Item B) Acquisition of .58± acres at 1105 Southern Avenue in Houston County, (Item C) Acquisition of .25± acres at 820 Pine Street in Houston County, (Item D) Acquisition of .3± acres at 101 Shi Street in Houston County, (Item E) Acquisition of .51± acres at 107 Wyler Avenue in Houston County, and (Item F) Acquisition of .36± acres at 403 Baker Road in Houston County.

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. 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 purchase the .58± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 1105 Southern Avenue, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .25± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 820 Pine Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .3± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 101 Shi Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .51± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 107 Wyler Avenue, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties

Commission approval to purchase the .36± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 403 Baker Road, Houston County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item G is the disposition of up to 1,080± acres of real property on Abercorn Island in Effingham County. He further stated that DNR has custody of the property and will surplus the tidal acres to the Georgia Department of Transportation to provide mitigation for the Savannah Harbor Extension Project. He added that after the project is complete, the land will become part of the Savannah National Wildlife Refuge.

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. Davis and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to surplus the 1,080± acres of real property, Savannah River-Abercorn Island, Effingham County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item H is the granting of a revocable license agreement and permanent easement of 1.86± acres at Ocmulgee Wildlife Management Area for Bleckley County to widen and pave County Road 128. He further stated that this will improve public access and songbird habitat.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, 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 and General Assembly approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 1.86± acres to Bleckley County, Ocmulgee Wildlife Management Area, Bleckley County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item I is seeking approval to enter into a lease with Monroe County for the Popes Ferry Boat Ramp on the Ocmulgee River. He further stated the boat ramp will provide improved public access to the Ocmulgee River for fishing, canoeing, and boating. He added that the existing ramp was constructed in the early 1990s but is currently in need of repairs, which the Department will facilitate when funds become available.

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. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek

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State Properties Commission approval to enter into a 25-year lease agreement with Monroe County, 1± acre, Popes Ferry Boat Ramp, Monroe County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.