

Minutes

Land Committee

Jekyll Island Convention Center
Oceanside Rooms 1/2/3
75 North Beachview Drive
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

January 27, 2017

Attending:

Committee Members

Paul Shailendra, Chairman
Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman
Dwight Evans
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert, Jr.
Rob Leebern
Mark Mobley

Board Members

William A Bagwell, Jr., Chairman
Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman
Nancy Addison
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Miki Thomaston
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Mark Berry, Georgia Power
Joe Slaughter, Georgia Power
Mindy Egan, Initiative to Protect Jekyll Island
David Kyler, Center for a Sustainable Coast

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Eddie Henderson
Spud Woodward
Richard Dunn
Lauren Curry
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Chuck Mueller
Karl Burgess
Skye Stockel
Stephen Adams
Jeff Weaver

The January 27, 2017 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 item A seeks to enter into a 50-year Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Winder at Fort Yargo State Park in Barrow County. He further stated that the agreement calls for 5.2± acres of the park to be available to the City to build a fire station, which will provide more safety to the park.

Mr. Friedman stated that 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 enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Winder for the Department to obtain a buffer along Loganville Highway and the City to build a fire station, Fort Yargo State Park, Barrow County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that item B is seeking approval to surplus 2± acres in Gordon County to Gordon County. He further stated that there are three buildings formerly used by our Law Enforcement Division and Wildlife Resources Division for offices and storage, however that land and the buildings are no longer needed and the County wants the land to construct a new Health Department. He added that State Properties Commission would then seek General Assembly approval to convey the 2± acres to the County.

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. 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 surplus up to 2± acres of real property, Former Law Enforcement Division and Wildlife Resources Division; Fisheries Office Space and Warehouse Property, Gordon County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that item C is seeking approval to surplus 15± acres in Worth County to the Board of Regents. He further stated that this is essentially a title clean-up issue; the property came to State Parks in 1948, and in 1966 Governor Sanders ordered the land to be conveyed to the Board of Regents as part of Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. He added that in 2016, a title break was discovered so the Department must declare the property surplus to its needs to property transfer any management rights to the Board of Regents.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item 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 surplus 15± acres of real property, Worth County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that item D is requesting a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.3± acres at Hardman Farm Historic Site be granted to Habersham Electrical Membership Corporation for a new entrance sign at Hardman Farm Historic Site. He further stated that since this in benefit to the Department, the recommendation is that the easement be granted at no cost.

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. 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 0.3± acres to Habersham EMC, Hardman Farm Historic Site, White County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that item E is requesting a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 2± acres at Watson Mill Bridge State Park be granted to Georgia Power Company in Madison County in exchange for Georgia Power conveying back 8± acres that they have now for a current easement. He further stated that since this in benefit to the Department, the recommendation is that the easement be granted at no cost. He added that the Park is designated Heritage Preserve, but no change of use is necessary.

Mr. Friedman stated that 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 and General Assembly approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 2± acres to Georgia Power Company at Watson Mill Bridge State Park in exchange for the Georgia Power Company relinquishing an existing easement of 8± acres, Madison County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that item F is requesting a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.25± acres at Unicoi State Park be granted to the Georgia Power Company to provide electrical service to the new archery range restroom building. He further stated that since this in benefit

to the Department, the recommendation is that the easement be granted at no cost. He added that the Park is designated Heritage Preserve, but no change of use is necessary.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, 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 and General Assembly approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.25± acres to Georgia Power Company, Unicoi State Park, White County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.