

Minutes

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees

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Atlanta, GA 30334

April 15, 2026

Attendees:

Board Members

Walter Rabon, Chairman
Bo Butler
Eddie Canon
Jeff Cown
Truitt Eavenson
Chris Harper
Doug Haymans
Angie Johnson
Aaron McWhorter
Johnny Sabo

Staff

Thomas Barnard
Trevor Brownlee
Taylor Brown Fisher
Joy Hinkle
Soheila Naji
Trevor Santos

Guests

Kim Shorter, Principal Engineer, Sustainable Water Planning & Engineering

Chairman Rabon called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rabon called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Cown, seconded by Mr. Sabo, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2026 Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Rabon gave opening remarks.

Chairman Rabon called on Soheila Naji, Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Coordinator, to present program updates, and the proposed 2026-2027 Funding Cycle Dates, and updated Evaluation Criteria.

Mrs. Naji presented a report on previous funding cycles and provided an overview of the 2025-2026 GOSP Second-level Application progress.

Mrs. Naji presented two action items for Board approval: the proposed 2026-2027 Funding Cycle Dates and updated Evaluation Criteria.

Chairman Rabon called for questions.

Chairman Rabon called for a motion to approve the Department's proposed 2026-2027 Funding Cycle Dates.

A motion was made by Mr. Canon, seconded by Mr. McWhorter, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Funding Cycle Dates.

Chairman Rabon called for a motion to approve the Department's proposed updated 2026-2027 evaluation criteria.

A motion was made by Mr. Sabo, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the updated 2026-2027 Evaluation Criteria.

Chairman Rabon called on Soheila Naji to present Clayton County Water Authority's second request for a change in scope for the Huie Group Camping, Outdoor Learning, and Archery Project.

Mrs. Naji presented Clayton County Water Authority's second request for a change in scope for the Huie Group Camping, Outdoor Learning, and Archery Project.

Chairman Rabon called for questions and public comments.

Mrs. Kim Shorter, Principal Engineer of Sustainable Water Planning and Engineering, gave remarks in support of the change of scope request.

Chairman Rabon called for questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Canon, seconded by Mr. Cown, and carried unanimously that the Board deny Clayton County Water Authority's second request for a change in scope for the Huie Group Camping, Outdoor Learning, and Archery Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Canon, seconded by Mr. Sabo, and carried unanimously that the Board de-obligate \$3 million in Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program funds previously awarded to the Clayton County Water Authority for the project.

Chairman Rabon called on Soheila Naji to present Oconee County's retroactivity request for the acquisition of property associated with the Heritage Park Trail Expansion and Preservation project.

Mrs. Naji presented Oconee County's request and proposed an action item for the Board to approve the retroactivity request related to the acquisition of property associated with the Heritage Park Trail Expansion and Preservation project.

Chairman Rabon called for questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Cown, seconded by Mr. McWhorter, and carried unanimously that the Board approve Oconee County's retroactivity request for the acquisition of property associated with the Heritage Park Trail Expansion and Preservation project.

Chairman Rabon gave closing comments and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.