

Minutes

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees

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

October 14, 2025

Attendees:

Board Members

Walter Rabon, Chairman
Bo Butler
Eddie Canon
Jeff Cown
Truitt Eavenson
Doug Haymans
Russell McMurry
Aaron McWhorter
Johnny Sabo
Ted Will

Staff

Taylor Brown Fisher
Trevor Brownlee
Haley Chafin
Soheila Naji
Trevor Santos

Guests

H. Barnard Franks, Chief Executive Officer, Clayton County Water Authority
Kimberly Z. 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 July 15, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Canon, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Chairman Rabon gave opening remarks.

Chairman Rabon called on Soheila Naji, Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Coordinator, to present the program updates.

Mrs. Naji presented her report and overview of the prior funding cycles and the current 2025-2026 GOSP Pre-application cycle.

Mrs. Naji proposed an action item for the Board to vote on the Clayton County Water Authority's request for change of scope to the Huie Group Camping, Outdoor Learning, and Archery Project.

Chairman Rabon called for questions and public comments.

Mr. H. Barnard Franks, Chief Executive Officer of Clayton County Water Authority, gave remarks in support of the change of scope request.

Ms. Kimberly Z. Shorter, Principal Engineer of Sustainable Water Planning & Engineering, gave a presentation in support of the request for change of scope.

Chairman Rabon called for questions.

Mr. Canon stated that the grant was awarded based on the original project scope and its competitive scoring and ranking; however, many valuable recreational activities are being removed from the scope. While disc golf is a popular outdoor recreational activity, he does not believe it is appropriate to approve a significant change to the project scope at this point.

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

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