

Minutes

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.

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January 16, 2024

Attendees:

Board Members

Walter Rabon, Chairman

Bo Butler

Eddie Canon

Jeff Cown

Truitt Eavenson

Doug Haymans

Angie Johnson

Tim Lowrimore

Russell McMurry

Ted Will

Staff

Thomas Barnard

Taylor Brown

Bethany Carnes

Steve Friedman

Artica Gaston

Soheila Naji

Trevor Santos

Guests

Walt Ray, Trust for Public Land

Chairman Rabon called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rabon called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Cown, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Minutes for the October 10, 2023 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 and the 2023-2024 grant cycle Pre-application results and Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

Mrs. Naji presented her report of the previous funding cycles, an overview of the 2023-2024 Pre-application results, and the Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

Chairman Rabon called for questions.

Mr. Butler asked a question regarding educational webinars and if they have affected applicant's scores.

Mrs. Naji stated that the web-based educational workshops have been helpful for the new and returning applicants and in many cases, scores have improved for the applicants re-applying to the program.

Chairman Rabon entertained a motion to approve the 2023-2024 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Cown, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the 2023-2024 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

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