

Minutes

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees

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

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Atlanta, GA 30334

January 14, 2025

Attendees:

Board Members

Walter Rabon, Chairman

Bo Butler

Jeff Cown

Truitt Eavenson

Doug Haymans

Angie Johnson

Aaron McWhorter

Johnny Sabo

Ted Will

Staff

Thomas Barnard

Trevor Brownlee

Taylor Brown Fisher

Soheila Naji

Trevor Santos

Guests

Kris Butler, Deputy Director, Georgia Forestry Commission

Emily Camargo, Trust for Public Land

Patrick Guthrie, Impact Public Affairs

George Kelecheck, Rockdale Soil and Water Conservation District

Ellis Lamme, Gwinnett County Soil and Water Conservation District

Chairman Rabon called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rabon called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Cown, seconded by Mr. Sabo, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Minutes for the October 16, 2024 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 Preapplication results, and the Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

Chairman Rabon called for questions.

Mr. Eavenson asked whether the total funding allocated to the proposal of approved conservation projects aligns with the appropriations for FY 26.

Chairman Rabon stated that this is an estimate, and the final appropriation of GOSP funds will need approval from the General Assembly.

Chairman Rabon entertained a motion to approve the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

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