

**Minutes**  
**Board of Natural Resources**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**August 30, 2017**

**Attending:**

Board Members

Duncan Johnson, Jr., Chairman  
Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman  
Bodine Sinyard, Secretary  
Nancy Addison  
William Bagwell  
Dwight Davis – Via Conference Call  
Dwight Evans  
Bill Jones  
Ray Lambert  
Mark Mobley  
Mike Phelps  
Matt Sawhill  
Brother Stewart  
Miki Thomaston  
Philip Watt – Via Conference Call  
Philip Wilheit  
Dee Yancey

Guests

Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau  
Duncan Hughes, Soque River Watershed Association  
Darrel Snyder, Georgia Power  
Bill Hodges, HHNT  
Blake Ravlerson, Georgia Farm Bureau  
Leigh Elkins, Vinson Institute  
Lea Dixon, Georgia Conservancy  
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates

Staff Members

Walter Rabon  
Terry West  
Kyle Pearson  
Wes Robinson  
Cathy Barnette  
Amber Carter  
Rusty Garrison  
Col. Eddie Henderson  
James Hamilton  
Spud Woodward  
John Bowers  
Steve Friedman  
Maj. Thomas Barnard  
Lt. Col. Jeff Weaver  
Stephen Adams  
Sam O'Neal  
Doug Haymans  
John Martin  
Richie Golden  
Michael Chadwell  
Robin Freeman  
Bola Akande  
Farida Lammari  
Sirisha Ramireddy  
VJ Nandiraju  
Bola Akande  
Rick Lavender  
Allison Asbrock  
Jenifer Wisniewski  
Linda May  
Linda He  
Thom Litts  
Heidi Ferguson  
Bill Hover  
Alan Isler  
Richard Dunn  
Lauren Curry

Sydney Brogden  
Jac Capp  
Jeff Cown  
Karen Hays  
Dika Kuoh  
Chuck Mueller  
Erin Ruoff  
Sarah Visser  
Laura Williams

The August 30, 2017 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Board Chairman Duncan Johnson, Jr.

Chairman Johnson stated that Board Members Dwight Davis and Philip Watt were participating in the meeting via conference call.

Chairman Johnson called on Bodine Sinyard to give the Invocation.

Chairman Johnson called on Director Rick Dunn to introduce the public focus speaker.

Director Dunn introduced the public focus speaker, Duncan Hughes.

Chairman Johnson thanked Mr. Hughes.

Chairman Johnson adjourned the Board Meeting to move into Committee meetings.

Chairman Johnson called the meeting of the Board of Natural Resources to order.

Chairman Johnson called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard, seconded by Mr. Yancey to approve the minutes of the June Board meeting. (Minutes attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Johnson called on Rick Dunn, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for his report.

Director Dunn updated the Board on the new EPA Region 4 Administrator, Regional Water Plan summaries, drought conditions, Lake Lanier TMDL, legislative matters, and Hurricane Harvey.

Chairman Johnson called on Walter Rabon, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, for his report.

Deputy Commissioner Rabon updated the Board on the new website, WRD public affairs award winners, the Law Enforcement Awards Banquet, Colonel Henderson's Officer of the Year for Meritorious Service award, groundbreaking and ribbon cuttings at properties across the state, and the Weekend for Wildlife brochure.

Deputy Commissioner Rabon called on Spud Woodward, Director the Coastal Resources Division, for his report.

Director Woodward gave an update on fish habitat projects, management of cobia, and shellfish lab certification.

Deputy Commissioner Rabon called on Bill Hover, Section Chief for the Historic Preservation Division, for his report.

Mr. Hover updated the Board on the upcoming report on economic impacts of the state tax incentive program from Georgia Tech, efforts with Georgia Southern, West Georgia, and UGA to work toward a common curation software system and the implication of that, plus the partnership study between HPD and UGA on oysters and Ossabaw.

Mr. Hover called on Allison Asbrock, Outreach Program Manager and Certified Local Government Coordinator, to give a presentation on the Certified Local Government Program.

Deputy Commissioner Rabon called on Colonel Eddie Henderson, Director of the Law Enforcement Division, for his report.

Colonel Henderson updated the Board on support after Hurricane Harvey, the FY 17 LED Annual Report Handout, 4<sup>th</sup> of July operations, Operation Dry water stats and overview, the LED awards banquet, the LED tag sales, and the SPLASH campaign.

Deputy Commissioner Rabon called on James Hamilton, Assistant Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division, for his report.

Assistant Director Hamilton updated the Board on the eclipse, the Sweetwater Creek Mill Stabilization, and the Friends of Georgia State Parks Conference.

Deputy Commissioner Rabon called on Rusty Garrison, Director of the Wildlife Resources Division, for his report.

Director Garrison updated the Board on the alligator season opening, dove season opening, peregrine falcon take allocation increase, the WMA Hunter Survey summary, and the coyote challenge.

Chairman Johnson called on Nancy Addison for the Coastal Committee report.

A motion was made by Ms. Addison, seconded by Mr. Stewart and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Coastal Incentive Grant Program, Chapter 391-2-5. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Johnson called on Mr. Lambert for the Environmental Protection Committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the FY 2018 Solid Waste Trust Fund Spend Plan. (Proposed Plan attached hereto and made a part thereof)

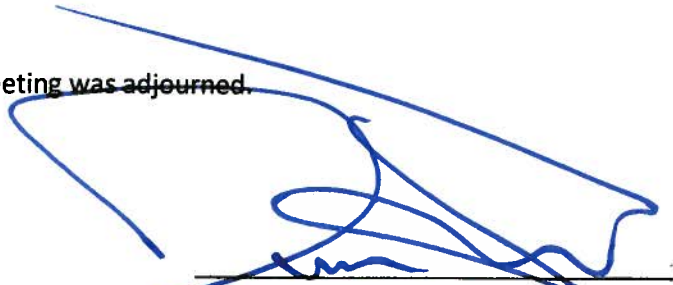
Chairman Johnson called on Mr. Bagwell for the Land Committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (through donation) the .03± acres access easement for administrative purposes, Ochoopee Dunes Wildlife Management Area, Karrh Tract, Emanuel County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously 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 3.6± acres to Georgia Department of Transportation, Brasstown Valley Resort, Towns County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Johnson stated that there would be Weekend for Wildlife Planning Committee meeting following the Board Meeting.

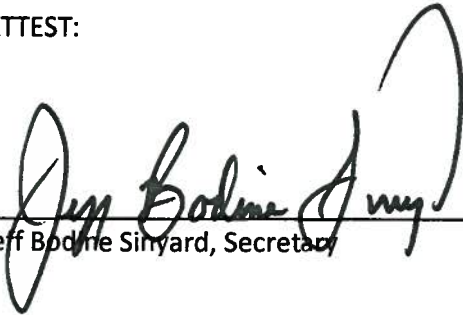
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Duncan N. Johnson, Jr., Chairman

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Jeff Bodine Sinyard, Secretary