

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

April 23, 2019

Attendees:

Board Members

Jeff "Bodine" Sinyard, Chair
Nancy Addison, Vice Chair – Via Conference Call
Dee Yancey, Secretary
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
Joe Hatfield
Duncan N. Johnson, Jr.
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Tim Lowe
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Mobley
Billy New
Brother Stewart
Miki Thomaston

Guests

Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Chris Newton, Georgia Power
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Joe Carnahan, Luck Stone Corp.
Mark Williams, Luck Stone
Clint Courson, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Ag Council
Jim Renner, Southern Ionics Minerals
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeepers
Rosa Chi, GA Power
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Debbie Phillips, GA Industry Environmental Coalition

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Terry West
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Wes Robinson
Melanie Johnson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Houston Webb
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
John Bowers

Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Dika Kuoh
Sydney Brogden

Chairman Sinyard introduced Governor Brian Kemp to speak before the Board of Natural Resources.

Governor Brian Kemp expressed his gratitude to the Board of Natural Resources and thanked the Department of Natural Resources for all the work it does for the state of Georgia.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Yancey, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2019 Board meeting. (Minutes attached hereto and made a part thereof).

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

Director Dunn updated the Board on: Lake Lanier storage contracts, the South Fulton landfill fire, and reauthorization of the Solid Waste Trust Fund and the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund.

Chairman Sinyard called on Mark Williams, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, for his report.

Commissioner Williams called on Melanie Johnson, Deputy Executive Counsel, to request action on a proposed item.

Ms. Johnson stated that this item is a proposed resolution approving the hotel/motel tax on Callaway Gardens and Contract governing expenditure of tax revenue. She further stated that in order to approve the action, all parties must be in agreement. She added that Callaway Gardens is supporting having the tax levied on it.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Evans, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt Resolution approving the hotel/motel tax on Callaway Gardens and Contract governing expenditure of tax revenue, as presented.

Commissioner Williams updated the Board on the 2019 legislative session; thanked all of those who worked to make this year's session a success; updated the Board on the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremonies at the Hillyard Tract Property, Wilson Shoals Shooting Range, West Point Shooting Range, and Fort Yargo State Park.

Commissioner Williams called on Doug Haymans, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, for his report.

Director Haymans informed the Board that the Coastal Georgia Ecosystem received an A- on its annual report card. He also updated the Board on the Jekyll Creek dredging; Shore Protection Act (HB 445); the Live Aboard bill (HB 201); and the maricultural bill (HB 501).

Commissioner Williams called on David Crass, Director of the Historic Preservation Division, for his report.

Director Crass informed the Board of the history of Native American relations in Georgia; recognized Fort Benning as a model for federal agencies on how to build relationships with Native American nations, and that Fort Benning holds consultations twice a year which include HPD and various Native American nations; and recognized Kim Morris-Zarneke of WRD for her work in the Leadership Academy, as well as Jenn Pittman of WRD and the Shooting Sports Team.

Commissioner Williams called on Jeff Cown, Director of the State Parks & Historic Sites Division, for his report.

Director Cown updated the Board on the Hurricane Michael recovery at Seminole State Park, and that the campgrounds reopen April 29, 2019; the new Junior Ranger Program; Easter events at various state parks; and the 74th anniversary of the passing of FDR which was held at the Little White House Historic Site.

Chairman Sinyard called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee, for his report.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Evans, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, Pertaining to Permit Fees. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Sinyard called on Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Land Committee, for his report.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Evans, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 412± acres of real property and an access easement, Ochoopee Dunes WMA, Tomlinson Tract, Emanuel County, as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Thomaston, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 87± acres of real property, Doerun Pitcher Plant Bog WMA, Whitfield Tract, Colquitt County, as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. New, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 467± acres of real property, Paulding Forest WMA, Hubble Timber, LLC Tract, Paulding and Polk Counties, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jeff Bodine Sinyard, Chairman

ATTEST:

Delos H. Yancey, III, Secretary