

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Board Members

Dwight Davis, Chair
Joe Hatfield, Vice Chair
Gary Vowell, Secretary
Nancy Addison
Randy Dellinger
Patrick Denney
Charles DePriest
Mark Hennessy
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The following action was taken at the Board of Natural Resources meeting on September 26, 2023:

The Board approved the minutes of the August 22, 2023 Board of Natural Resources meeting.

The Board approved the appointment of Angie Johnson to Director of the State Parks and Historic Sites Division.

The Board adopted the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase from the McConnell family 180± acres as an addition to Smithgall Woods WMA, White County.

The Board adopted the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase from J.F. Alexander Lumber Company 234± acres as an addition to Spirewell Bluff WMA, Meriwether County.

The Board adopted the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase from Timberlands II, LLC, 758± acres as an addition to Spirewell Bluff WMA, Meriwether and Talbot Counties.

The Board adopted the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase from Christopher Edward Nabors 372± acres as an addition to Crockford Pigeon Mountain WMA, Walker County.

The Board adopted the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase from The Nature Conservancy 687± acres as an addition to Crockford Pigeon Mountain WMA, Walker County.

The Board voted to deny the petition of the United States Association of Reptile Keepers because the Board's adoption of the Wild Animals Rules, Subject 391-4-8, is supported by evidence. The presentation by Department staff has satisfied the board that these rules were adopted in the public interest to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare because the wild animals regulated pose a possibility of:

- 1) Harmful competition for wildlife;
- 2) The introduction of a disease or pest harmful to wildlife;
- 3) Problems enforcing laws and regulations relative to wildlife;
- 4) Threatening wildlife or other natural resources.