Minutes
Coastal Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

August 25, 2020
9:00 a.m.
Via Teleconference Call

Attendees:

**Committee Members**
Tim Lowe, Chair  
Bill Jones, Vice Chair  
Rob Leebern  
Billy New  
Mike Phelps  
Paul Shailendra  
Miki Thomaston  
Dee Yancey  
Nancy Addison, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Staff Members**
Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson  
Josh Hildebrandt  
Cathy Barnette  
Amber Carter  
Artica Gaston  
Courtney Hall  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Steve Friedman  
Rusty Garrison  
Doug Haymans

**Board Members**
Nick Ayers  
William Bagwell  
Dwight Davis  
Patrick Denney  
Dwight Evans  
Joe Hatfield  
Duncan Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Bodine Sinyard  
Brother Stewart  
Richard Dunn, Director  
Lauren Curry  
Jac Capp  
Karen Hays  
Chuck Mueller  
Laura Williams
The August 25, 2020 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Nancy Addison, Chair of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chair Addison called on Tim Lowe, Chairman of the Coastal Committee, who called on Doug Haymans, Director of the Coastal Resources Division.

Director Haymans stated the Coastal Incentive Grant Program (CIG) themes and criteria are brought before the Board for approval on an annual basis, primarily for approval of the themes and the timelines. He further stated that the Coastal Resources Division has been involved in the coastal zone management program for almost twenty-four years and the Division receives approximately $2 million annually and these funds may be awarded to qualified county and municipal governments, regional commissions, and state-affiliated research or educational institutions or state agencies (except DNR), in the eleven coastal counties. He added that since 1998 the program has funded over $20,000,000 in projects throughout the coastal zone. He further added that each project leverages at least 100% local match, bringing the total economic impact of this program to over $40,000,000.

Director Haymans stated that the Coastal Advisory Council, with assistance from CRD, determines annual funding themes and project evaluation criteria for the CIG program. He further stated these changes are then brought to the Board of Natural Resources for approval before being transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State for public notice per the Fair and Open Grants Act. He added the Request for Proposals solicits projects that are related to the themes identified by the Coastal Advisory Council (CAC) for the FY 2021-2022 Cycle 24 awards. He further added the projects that are acceptable but for which there are no available funds may be awarded a CIG at a later date if funds become available.

Director Haymans stated if there are no questions, he requests the Board’s favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Ms. Thomaston, seconded by Mr. Leebern, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution regarding the proposed amendments to the Coastal Incentive Grant Program Description, Chapter 391-2-5-.01 through 391-2-5-.15.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.