

**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

Board Members

Nick Ayers
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Patrick Denney
Dwight Evans
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Ray Lambert
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart

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

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.