

**Minutes  
Coastal Committee  
Cloudland Canyon State Park  
Group Shelter  
122 Cloudland Canyon Park Road  
Rising Fawn, GA 30738**

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members**

Miki Thomaston, Chair  
Tim Lowe, Vice Chair  
Nancy Addison  
Nick Ayers  
Joe Hatfield  
Duncan Johnson  
Bill Jones  
Bodine Sinyard  
Dee Yancey, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

William Bagwell  
Dwight Davis  
Randy Dellinger  
Patrick Denney  
Dwight Evans  
Ray Lambert  
Billy New

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson  
Kate Iannuzzi  
Cathy Barnette  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Steve Friedman  
Doug Haymans  
Ted Will  
Taylor Brown Fisher  
Clint Peacock  
Scott Robinson  
  
Richard Dunn, Director  
John Eunice  
Jac Capp  
Karen Hays  
Chuck Mueller  
Laura Williams

The August 24, 2021 meeting of the Coastal Resources Committee was called to order by Dee Yancey, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Yancey called on Doug Haymans, Director of the Coastal Resources Division to present the proposed amendments to the Coastal Incentive Grant Program Description, Chapter 391-2-5-.01 through 391-2-5-.15.

Director Haymans stated the Georgia Coastal Management Program (GCMP) is made possible by a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through Congressional funding pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act. He further stated that each year, the GCMP allocates a portion of its federal funding for Coastal Incentive Grants (CIG). He added that these sub-grants may be awarded to qualified county and municipal governments, regional commissions, state-affiliated research or educational institutions, or state agencies (except DNR), provided the project takes place entirely within the eleven-county area of the program.

Director Haymans stated that since 1998, CIG sub-grants have funded over \$20,000,000 in projects throughout the coastal zone, including multi-year scientific studies on coastal processes, local government plans and ordinance development, and low-cost construction for public access. He further stated 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 with assistance from CRD, the Coastal Advisory Council determines annual funding themes and project evaluation criteria for the CIG program. He further stated that these changes are then brought to the Board for approval before being transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State for public notice per the Fair and Open Grants Act, O. C. G. A. §28-5-122.

A motion was made by Mr. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board approve the proposed amendments to the Coastal Incentive Grant Program Description, Chapter 391-2-5-.01 through 391-2-5-.15.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.