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

**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

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

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.