

Summary

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees

Meeting held via video conferencing

April 13, 2021

Attendees:

Board Members

Mark Williams, Chairman
Braye Boardman
Eddie Canon
Jeff Cown
Richard Dunn
Doug Haymans
Timothy Lowrimore
Russell McMurry
Aaron McWhorter
Carl Riggs
Ted Will

Staff

Walter Rabon
Taylor Brown
Deja Horton-Adams
Soheila Naji
Rob Stokes

Guests

Steve Friedman, GA DNR
Jason Lee, GA DNR, Wildlife Resources Division
Mike O'Reilly, The Nature Conservancy
Mike Wharton, Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County

The following action was taken at the April 13, 2021 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees Meeting:

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

The Board approved the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Williams gave opening remarks.

Chairman Williams called on Mike Wharton, Sustainability Officer, The Unified Government of Athens-Clarke County to present the GOSP funded project.

Mr. Wharton presented the Restore Our River project.

Chairman Williams called on Mr. Jason Lee, Program Manager, Wildlife Resources Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, to present the Division's GOSP funded projects.

Mr. Lee presented Cabin Bluff Acquisition, and Ceylon Acquisitions phases 1 and 2.

Chairman Williams called on Rob Stokes, Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Coordinator, to present the program report.

Mr. Stokes presented his report and overview of the 2019-2020 funding cycle update, and the 2020-2021 GOSP Second-level Application progress.

Mr. Stokes proposed two action items to approve the 2021-2022 Evaluation Criteria and Funding Cycle Dates.

Chairman Williams called for questions.

Mr. Boardman asked how the funds are disbursed to grantees.

Mr. Stokes stated that as the Department receives and reviews the reimbursement requests, they will be sent to Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) to be processed. GEFA sends the funds electronically to the grantees. There is no minimum amount and grantees may submit their requests as frequently as possible.

Mr. Boardman asked a question regarding the match percentage for Wormsloe Historic Site.

Mr. Stokes stated that there is no requirement for state projects to provide match.

The Board approved the Department's updated 2021-2022 Pre-application Evaluation Criteria.

The Board approved the Department's proposed 2021-2022 funding cycle dates.

Chairman Williams gave closing comments and there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.