

Minutes

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees

Meeting held via video conferencing

January 12, 2021

Attendees:

Board Members

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

Staff

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

Guests

Kathleen Bowen, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia
Michael McPherson, Georgia Municipal Association

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

Chairman Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Canon, seconded by Mr. McMurry, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Minutes for the October 13, 2020 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Chairman Williams gave opening remarks.

Chairman Williams introduced a new member of the Board of Trustees, Tim Lowrimore, State Forester and Director of the Georgia Forestry Commission.

Chairman Williams gave an overview of the 2020-2021 GOSP grant cycle.

Chairman Williams called on Rob Stokes, Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) Coordinator, to present the 2020-2021 grant cycle Pre-applications results and Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

Mr. Stokes presented his report and overview of the 2020-2021 GOSP Pre-application cycle results, and Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

Chairman Williams called for questions.

Mr. Boardman asked about the process of reviewing the Pre-applications.

Mr. Stokes stated reviewers review the Pre-applications independently and the system averages the individual scores.

Mr. Canon asked if the GOSP funding amount will cover the proposal of approved conservation projects.

Chairman Williams stated the State Legislature is in session and the budget has not been signed.

Chairman Williams asked for further questions, and there being none, he entertained a motion to approve the Department's 2020-2021 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. McWhorter, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Department's 2020-2021 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

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