

Summary

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees

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April 12, 2022

Attendees:

Board Members

Mark Williams, Chairman

Bo Butler

Eddie Canon

Jeff Cown

Richard Dunn

Doug Haymans

Timothy Lowrimore

Russell McMurry

Aaron McWhorter

Carl Riggs

Ted Will

Staff

Taylor Brown

Steve Friedman

Soheila Naji

Ronald Woods

Guests

Catherine Moore, Georgia Conservancy

Mike O'Reilly, The Nature Conservancy

Natasha Rice, Chattahoochee Nature Center

Jim Stokes, Chattahoochee Nature Center

Mid Thorne, Chattahoochee Nature Center

The following action was taken at the April 12, 2022 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees Meeting:

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

The Board approved the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Williams gave opening remarks.

Chairman Williams called on Natasha Rice, President and CEO and Mid Thorne, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Chattahoochee Nature Center, to present the GOSP funded project.

Mr. Thorn and Ms. Rice presented the Piedmont Riparian River Boardwalk and Connection Bridge project.

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

Mrs. Naji presented her report of the prior funding cycle and the 2021-2022 GOSP Second-level Application progress.

Mrs. Naji proposed two action items to approve the 2022-2023 Evaluation Criteria and Funding Cycle Dates.

Chairman Williams called for questions.

Mr. Dunn asked a question regarding the NGO applications being held to the same standards as Local Parks and Trails projects requirements.

Mrs. Naji stated that only state agencies have no limit on funding amount and no match requirement.

The Board approved the Department's updated 2022-2023 Pre-application Evaluation Criteria.

The Board approved the Department's proposed 2022-2023 funding cycle dates.

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