

**Minutes**  
**Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**January 21, 2020**

Attendees

**Board Members**

Mark Williams, Chairman  
Braye Boardman  
Eddie Canon  
Jeff Cown  
Richard Dunn  
Doug Haymans  
Russell McMurry  
Carl Riggs  
Chuck Williams

**Staff**

Walter Rabon  
Taylor Brown  
Amber Carter  
Courtney Hall  
Josh Hildebrandt  
Rob Stokes

**Guests**

Ted Davis III, ACCG  
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy  
Kimberly Estep, South Fork Conservancy  
Chris Nelson, Chattahoochee Nature Center  
Jill Nolin, Georgia Recorder  
Walt Ray, Trust for Public Land  
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund

Chairman Mark Williams called the meeting to order.

Chairman Williams gave remarks explaining the need for a Call to Meeting, having been informed of an amended funding amount.

Chairman Williams called on Rob Stokes, Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program (GOSP) Coordinator for a report and presentation of the Department's amended 2019-2020 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

Chairman Williams called for questions.

Mr. Braye Boardman commented that the Board of Trustees and Department have been working with a projected amount of available funding leading to the January 7, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting. He then inquired if there was any verification of available funding made available to the Department or Board of Trustees. Chairman Williams answered by stating that the Department and Board had a projected funding balance made available to them.

Mr. Chuck Williams asked if the statute outlines the portioning of funds between the different application types. Chairmen Williams answered by stating that the portioning is at the discretion of the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Williams asked for further questions, and there being none, he called for comments from the attendees.

Mr. Jim Stokes from the Chattahoochee Nature Center spoke on the Chattahoochee Nature Center Piedmont Riparian Wetland Boardwalk project.

Chairman Williams then asked for further questions, and there being none, he gave an overview of the remaining proposal approval steps, continuing to the Board of Natural Resources and Appropriations subcommittees of the State House of Representatives and State Senate.

Chairman Williams then entertained a motion to approve the Department's amended 2019-2020 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Russell McMurry, seconded by Mr. Richard Dunn that the Board approve the Department's amended 2019-2020 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects. (The Proposal is attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Williams asked for further discussion.

Mr. Williams asked if the projected funding allocation is still subject to the legislative appropriations process. Chairman Williams answered by stating that the funding allocation is in the budget.

Mr. Dunn asked if it is true that the Board's action is made to facilitate legislative approval of the projects. Chairman Williams answered by stating yes.

Chairman Williams asked for further questions, and there being none, he called for a vote to approve the Department's amended 2019-2020 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

The motion made by Mr. McMurry, seconded by Mr. Boardman, was carried unanimously that the Board approve the Department's amended 2019-2020 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

Chairman Williams gave closing comments and asked for further comments.

Mr. Boardman commented that the Board should consider a mechanism next cycle to accurately define available funding.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.