

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 10, 2023

Attendees:

Board Members

Walter Rabon, Chairman

Bo Butler

Eddie Canon

Jeff Cown

Richard Dunn

Doug Haymans

Tim Lowrimore

Aaron McWhorter

Carl Riggs

Ted Will

Staff

Bethany Carnes

Steve Friedman

Donald Kirkland

Soheila Naji

Guests

Emily Camargo, Trust for Public Land

Chairman Rabon called the meeting to order.

Chairman Rabon called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Canon, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Minutes for the October 11, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Rabon gave an overview of the 2022-2023 GOSP grant cycle.

Chairman Rabon called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate, Georgia Department of Natural Resources to express appreciation of DNR to the Board.

Mr. Friedman presented DNR acquisition projects and expressed appreciation to the Board of Trustees, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA), and the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program staff.

Chairman Rabon called on Soheila Naji, Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Coordinator, to present the Program update and the 2022-2023 grant cycle Pre-application results and proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

Mrs. Naji presented her report of the previous funding cycles, an overview of the 2022-2023 Pre-application results, and the Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

Chairman Rabon called for questions.

Mr. Dunn asked a question regarding the percentages of funding given to each type of grant project.

Mrs. Naji stated that around 50% of funding goes to Local Parks and Trails projects, and around 50% goes towards State projects.

Chairman Rabon entertained a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Canon, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the 2022-2023 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Proposal of Approved Conservation Projects.

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

From: Williams, Mark <Mark.Williams@dnr.ga.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, January 3, 2023 10:58 AM

To: Rabon, Walter <Walter.Rabon@dnr.ga.gov>

Cc: Pearson, Kyle <Kyle.Pearson@dnr.ga.gov>

Subject:

I designate Walter Rabon (DNR Deputy Commissioner) as temporary Chair of the GOSA Board of Trustees for the meeting on Jan. 10th, 2023 at 9:30 am. Per Code section 12-2-1.

Thank you,

Mark

Mark Williams, Commissioner

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

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