

Minutes

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.

Suite 1252 East Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334

April 11, 2023

Attendees:

Board Members

Mark Williams, Chairman

Bo Butler

Eddie Canon

Jeff Cown

Richard Dunn

Timothy Lowrimore

Aaron McWhorter

Carl Riggs

Ted Will

Staff

Walter Rabon

Bethany Carnes

Soheila Naji

Taylor Brown

Guests

Michael O'Reilly, The Nature Conservancy

Johnny Sabo, Georgia Forestry Commission

Chairman Mark Williams called the meeting to order.

Chairman Williams called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Board of Trustees Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Riggs, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Minutes for the January 10, 2023 Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Williams gave opening remarks.

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 cycles and the 2022-2023 GOSP Second-level Application progress.

Mrs. Naji proposed two action items to approve the 2023-2024 Funding Cycle Dates and the Pre-application Evaluation Criteria.

Chairman Williams called for questions.

Mr. Dunn asked a question regarding retainage.

Mrs. Naji stated that per the GOSP Rule, 25% of the grant amount will be retained by GADNR until the completion of the project.

Chairman Williams called for a motion to approve the Department's proposed 2023-2024 funding cycle dates.

A motion was made by Mr. Canon, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the 2023-2024 Funding Cycle Dates.

Chairman Williams called for a motion to approve the Department's updated 2023-2024 Pre-application Evaluation Criteria.

A motion was made by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Lowrimore, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the 2023-2024 Evaluation Criteria.

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