

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 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

Chairman Mark Williams called the meeting to order.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Cannon, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Minutes for 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. Thorne 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 cycles and the 2021-2022 GOSP Second-level Application progress.

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

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.

Chairman Williams called for a motion to approve the Department's proposed 2022-2023 funding cycle dates.

A motion was made by Mr. Canon, seconded by Mr. Butler, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the 2022-2023 Funding Cycle Dates.

Chairman Williams called for a motion to approve the Department's updated 2022-2023 Pre-application Evaluation Criteria.

A motion was made by Mr. Butler, seconded by Mr. Canon, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the 2022-2023 Evaluation Criteria.

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