**Summary**

**Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees**

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**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

The following action was taken at the April 11, 2023 Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees Meeting:

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order.

The Board approved the minutes of 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 Evaluation Criteria and Funding Cycle Dates.

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.

The Board approved the Department’s updated 2023-2024 Pre-application Evaluation Criteria.

The Board approved the Department’s proposed 2023-2024 funding cycle dates.

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