

Minutes

Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund Board of Trustees

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October 11, 2022

Attendees:

Board Members

Mark Williams, Chairman

Eddie Canon

Jeff Cown

Richard Dunn

Doug Haymans

Timothy Lowrimore

Russell McMurry

Aaron McWhorter

Carl Riggs

Ted Will

Staff

Taylor Brown

Donald Kirkland

Soheila Naji

Guests

Lena Carstens, Atlanta Beltline, Inc.

Jammie Harden, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

Jill Johnson, Atlanta Beltline, Inc.

Greg Levine, Trees Atlanta, Inc.

Chairman Mark Williams called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Lowrimore, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the minutes for the July 12, 2022 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Chairman Williams gave opening remarks.

Chairman Williams called on Ms. Jill Johnson, Vice President of Government Affairs, Atlanta Beltline, Inc. and Mr. Greg Levine, Co-Executive Director and Chief Program Officer, Trees Atlanta, Inc. to present the GOSP funded project.

Ms. Johnson and Mr. Levine presented the Atlanta BeltLine Westside Trail Extension to the Silver Comet Trail project.

Chairman Williams called on Mr. Jammie Harden, Director of Financial Services, Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) to present GEFA proposal on establishing a Georgia Fund Plus One Account.

Mr. Harden presented GEFA proposal to establish and manage a Georgia Fund Plus One Account in the name of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund and transfer funds from the existing overnight Treasury account routinely to maximize program income.

Chairman Williams called for questions.

Mr. Dunn asked if the staff will be able to move the funds between the Plus One Account and the existing overnight Treasury account without the GOSP Board action.

Mrs. Brown stated that the funds can move between the two accounts without the Board action.

Chairman Williams called on Soheila Naji, Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program Coordinator, to present the program updates.

Mrs. Naji presented her report and overview of the prior funding cycles and the current 2022-2023 GOSP Pre-application cycle.

Mrs. Naji proposed an action item for the Board to vote on the City of Madison request of Retroactivity on donated property to be used as part of the project match in the City's 2022-2023 GOSP Pre-application.

Chairman Williams called for questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. McWhorter, and carried unanimously that the Board approve and authorize GEFA to establish and manage a Georgia Fund Plus One Account in the name of the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Trust Fund and transfer funds from the existing overnight Treasury account routinely to maximize program income.

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, seconded by Mr. Dunn, and carried unanimously that the Board approve retroactivity for the City of Madison to use the donated property as part of the match for the City's 2022-2023 GOSP Pre-application.

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