

Minutes
Board of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

June 29, 2016

Attending:

Board Members

William Bagwell, Chairman
Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman
Bodine Sinyard, Secretary
Nancy Addison
Dwight Davis (via conference call)
Dwight Evans
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Ray Lambert, Jr.
Rob Leebern
Mark Mobley
Mike Phelps
Matt Sawhill
Paul Shailendra
Brother Stewart
Miki Thomaston
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ross M. Smith, PotashCorp – PCS Nitrogen
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau
Russ Pennington, MWC
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy
Carden Barkley, Georgia Conservancy
Jim Laine, Retired State Employee
Catherine Fleming, Georgia Municipal Association

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Terry West
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
John Bowers
Mark Whitney
Steve Friedman
Eddie Henderson
Michael Crawley
Damon Winters
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Weaver
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
John Martin
Michael Chadwell
Larry Blankenship
Artica Gaston
Mark Walker
Richard Dunn
Doralyn Kirkland
Chuck Mueller
Jeff Cown
Karen Hays
Shanna Alexander

The June 29, 2016 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Board Chairman William Bagwell.

Chairman Bagwell called on Jeff Cown to introduce the Employee Focus speaker. Jeff Cown thanked the Chairman and introduced Shanna Alexander, Unit Coordinator for the Toxicology and Risk Assessment Unit.

Chairman Bagwell thanked Ms. Alexander.

Chairman Bagwell stated that in tab F of the Board package there are Resolutions for Jud Turner and Mary Walker and requested a motion to adopt the Resolutions.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Addison to approve the resolutions honoring Mr. Judson Turner and Ms. Mary Walker. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell read the Resolution honoring Mr. Turner and called on Mr. Turner to speak.

Mr. Turner thanked the Board, EPD, and DNR employees.

Chairman Bagwell read the Resolution honoring Ms. Walker and called on Ms. Walker to speak.

Ms. Walker shared her appreciation to the Board.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wilheit to approve the minutes of the May Board meeting. (Minutes attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell called on Rick Dunn, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for his report.

Director Dunn updated the Board on his efforts to acclimate to the new role; the active monitoring of drought reports in the state and the state drought status; the 3 percent merit-based salary increase; and thanked the Board for their vote of confirmation.

Chairman Bagwell called on Mark Williams, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, for his report.

Commissioner Williams welcomed Director Dunn.

Commissioner Williams recognized RFC Michael Crawley and Sgt. Damon Winters for the lifesaving awards they have won.

Chairman Bagwell requested a motion to adopt Resolutions honoring and expressing appreciation to RFC Michael Crawley and Sgt. Damon Winters.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Sinyard to approve the resolutions honoring RFC Michael Crawley and Sgt. Damon Winters. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part thereof)

The Rangers were presented with their awards and resolutions.

Commissioner Williams updated the Board on awards won by the Human Resources office; the First Lady's visit to Sweetwater Creek State Park to introduce the "Little Libraries"; and thanked Director Kelley for her efforts to resolve issues from fires and thunderstorms.

Commissioner Williams called on Dan Forster, Director of the Wildlife Resources Division, for his report.

Director Forster gave an update on automatic license renewal; customer service efforts; and approval of grant resources.

Commissioner Williams called on Spud Woodward, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, for his report.

Director Woodward updated the board on efforts to restore shellfish water sample testing capacity to CRD; the opening of state waters to food shrimp harvest; and the marine habitat enhancement license plate.

Commissioner Williams called on Colonel Eddie Henderson, Director of the Law Enforcement Division, for his report.

Colonel Henderson updated the board on boating season; the legacy album; and the LED Henry Rifle.

Commissioner Williams called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division, for her update.

Director Kelley updated the Board on the damage done at Mistletoe State Park and Red Top Mountain State Park; the book box initiative; an overview of Grandma's camp; dangerous animal awareness; and the 4th of July Holiday.

Commissioner Williams called on Dr. Dave Crass, Director of the Historic Preservation Division, for his update.

Director Crass updated the Board on public affairs efforts; the development of a plan for regular contact with congressional district offices; and the second DNR Leadership Academy session.

Chairman Bagwell called on Ms. Addison for the Coastal Committee report.

A motion was made by Ms. Addison, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board appoint Zachary B. Harris to fill the vacancy of the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee.

Chairman Bagwell called on Mr. Lambert for the Environmental Protection Committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Addison and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to Miscellaneous Updates. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Addison and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to Permit Fees. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Sinyard and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed Grant Criteria for the Owens-Brockway Supplemental Environmental Project – Georgia School Bus Retrofit Grant Program. (Proposed Criteria attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell called on Mr. Shailendra for the Land Committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, seconded by Mr. Sinyard and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the 2,732± acres of real property, Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area, Alexander Tracts, Meriwether and Talbot Counties; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the 468± acres of real property, Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area, CatchMark Tract, Meriwether County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the 233± acres of real property, Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area, Beasley Tract, Meriwether County. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .24± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 105 Cranford Street, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .35± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 111 Bargain Road, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .29± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base

Buffer Project, 110 Cranford Street, Houston County. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, seconded by Ms. Addison and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a subeasement with the City of Hiawassee to construct and operate the Mayor's Park Boat Ramp, 1.564± acres, Towns County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell stated that there is an NGMA meeting following this meeting in addition to a Weekend for Wildlife planning meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

William A. Bagwell, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Bodine Sinyard, Secretary