Minutes
Land Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

March 24, 2015

Attending:

Committee Members
Dwight Davis, Chairman
William Bagwell
Dwight Evans
Mike Phelps
Ray Lambert, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Phyllis Johnson
Aaron McWhorter
Bodine Sinyard
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Visitors
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Andrew Schols, TCF
Doug Miell, Georgia Chamber
Harold Rehies, Joe Tanner and Associates
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness
Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation
Walter Jones, Morris News Sun
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance
Kevin Jeselnik, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation

Staff Members
Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Dave Crass
Eddie Henderson
Spud Woodward
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Mary Kathryn Yearta
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
John Biagi
John Bowers
Mike England
Jon Ambrose
Mary Walker
Trip Addison
Doralyn Kirkland
Jac Capp
Karen Hayes
Mark Whitney
Wally Woods
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Weaver
Thom Litts
The March 24, 2015 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Chairman Ray Lambert.

Chairman Lambert called on Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Land Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item for consideration would be the approval to enter into a 25 year lease agreement for 1.5± acres, Oconee River, Shady Field Boat Ramp.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department previously leased this Boat Ramp from 1986 to 2011, so there will be no construction costs. He further stated the Board renewed the lease agreement in 2013, but ownership of the Boat Ramp transferred before the lease could be executed. He added this project will promote and enhance boating and fishing opportunities in this area.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a twenty-five (25) year Lease Agreement for 1.5± acres, Oconee River, Shady Field Boat Ramp, Laurens County, as presented. **This action, however, was invalid as there was not a quorum of the Committee present.**

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration would be the granting of a revocable license agreement and permanent easement of 0.3± acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to the Georgia Power Company to install and maintain underground power lines at Laura S. Walker State Park.

Mr. Friedman stated Parks intends to construct six new camper cabins at Laura S. Walker State Park and they request that Georgia Power Company receive a revocable license agreement and permanent easement to provide them with power. He further stated the use of federal Land and Water Conservation Funds make it necessary to bury the power lines and this will be an expense charged to the Department. He added since the revocable license agreement and permanent easement will benefit the Department, the Department recommends they be granted at no cost.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.3± acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to the Georgia Power Company to install and maintain underground power lines at Laura S. Walker State Park.
County, as presented. This action, however, was invalid as there was not a quorum of the Committee present.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item for consideration would be the deposition (conveyance) of up to 30± acres of real property to the Georgia Forestry Commission, Oconee Wildlife Management Area, Wooten Tract Barn Area, Greene County.

Mr. Friedman stated the Wooten Tract was acquired by the Department in 2013 as an addition to the Oconee Wildlife Management Area. He further stated a large barn accompanied the acquisition which was of no benefit to the Department. He added in 2014 the Department entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Georgia Forestry Commission over the barn and approximately 27± acres of the Oconee WMA.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department now seeks Board approval authorizing the State Properties Commission to seek an executive order to convey the barn and up to 30± acres of the Oconee WMA to the Georgia Forestry Commission.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would request the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the disposition (conveyance) of up to 30± acres of real property to the Georgia Forestry Commission, Oconee Wildlife Management Area, Wooten Tract Barn Area, Greene County, as presented. This action, however, was invalid as there was not a quorum of the Committee present.

Chairman Davis stated that it had been noticed on the agenda that the Land Committee would hold an Executive Session at the conclusion of the public meeting, and he invited all Board Members to attend.

A motion was made by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously by Mr. Davis and Mr. Bagwell that the Land Committee go into Executive Session in accordance with the O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(B), in order to discuss the authorization of negotiations to purchase property. (Affidavit attached hereto and made a part hereof). A quorum of the Committee was present.
Chairman Davis called the Land Committee meeting back to order following the Executive Session of the Land Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.