

**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, Ware

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.