Minutes
Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Committee
Lake Blackshear Resort Conference Center
Ballroom A
2459-H US Highway 280 West
Cordele, GA 31015

December 13, 2016

Attending:

Committee Members
Mark Mobley, Chairman
Brother Stewart, Vice Chairman
Nancy Addison
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert
Matt Sawhill
Miki Thomaston
William A. Bagwell, Jr., Board Chairman, Ex-officio

Board Members
Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
Aaron McWhorter
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ronnie Just, Georgia Power
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Mark Walker, Georgia Natural Resources Foundation
Mark Osterhaus, Coral Hospitality
Christopher Schaeffer, Coral Hospitality

Staff Members
Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Artica Gaston
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Col. Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Bill Donohue
John Erbele
Jac Capp
Richard Dunn
Lauren Curry
Jeff Cown
John Bowers
Chuck Mueller
Bill Murphey
Josh Purdy, Parks
James Hamilton, NGMA

The December 13, 2016 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Committee was called to order by Chairman William Bagwell.
Chairman Bagwell called on Mark Mobley, Chairman of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Committee.

Mr. Mobley called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division, to brief the Board on revisions to the Proposed Dock Extension Policy and Procedure and the Proposed Gun Carry Policy and Procedure.

Ms. Kelley stated that the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division manages private property owner dock access to High Falls State Park lake via DNR Rule 391-5-12.04(b). She further stated that the current rules limit our ability to consider and authorize dock extensions of more than 25 feet, potentially creating dry-dock situations where silting or other conditions impact water access at full lake pool levels. She added that to address this matter and give residents on High Falls Lake an avenue to request a dock extension of more than 25 feet, the proposals being presented for your consideration establish amended extension criteria and procedures for application for extensions greater than 25 feet.

Ms. Kelley stated that she would return before the Board for consideration and adoption of this proposal at the February Board Meeting.

Ms. Kelley stated that the current rules for carry of weapons in Georgia State Parks, Historic Sites and Recreational areas is in conflict with the recent changes to Georgia law concerning carry (specifically the Safety and General Conditions of Use (4) Weapons). She further stated that the proposals being presented for your consideration establish an amendment that would allow persons with valid weapons-carry license to carry a handgun in all parks, historic sites and recreational areas except where carrying such handgun is prohibited by federal law. She added that she would return to the Board for consideration and adoption of this proposal at the February Board Meeting.

Mr. Davis asked for an example where federal law would trump state law.

Ms. Kelley stated that Corps of Engineers properties are examples of that situation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.