

**Minutes
Land Committee**

Brasstown Valley Resort
Salon 1-2
6321 US-76
Young Harris, GA 30582

December 5, 2018

Attendees:

Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Chairman
William Bagwell
Dwight Evans
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Billy New
Mike Phelps
Brother Stewart
Aaron McWhorter, Board Chairman, Ex-Officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Tim Lowe
Mark Mobley
Bodine Sinyard
Miki Thomaston
Dee Yancey

Guests

Bryan Tolar, Tolar Capitol Partners
Matthew Taylor, Safari Club International Foundation
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeepers
John Fortuna, King & Spalding

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Terry West
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Houston Webb
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
Eddie Henderson
Eric Bentley
John Bowers
Karl Burgess
Mark Whitney
Jeff Weaver
Adam Hammond
Nathan Klaus
Bob Sargent

Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Jac Capp
Chuck Mueller

The December 5, 2018 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Aaron McWhorter, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

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

Mr. Friedman stated that Item A is the proposed acquisition of 650.14± acres of real property, Canoochee Sandhills, D.B. Warnell Estate Tract, Bulloch County. He further stated this tract has high conservation and recreation values.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the acquisition (purchase) of 650.14± acres of real property, Canoochee Sandhills, D.B Warnell Estate Tract, Bulloch County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item B is the proposed acquisition of 292.24± acres of real property, Sheffield WMA, Jones Company, LTD Tract, Paulding and Polk Counties. Mr. Friedman further stated this tract will aid in management and increase the public's recreation opportunities.

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

A motion was made by Mr. New, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the acquisition (purchase) of 292.24± acres of real property, Sheffield WMA, Jones Company, LTD Tract, Paulding and Polk Counties, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item C is the proposed acquisition of a 7,051± acre conservation easement, Bullard Creek WMA, The Conservation Fund Conservation Easement, Jeff Davis and Appling Counties. He further stated with this easement, all public recreation rights will be acquired by the DNR in perpetuity.

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

Mr. Davis asked for clarification on the terms of the lease.

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 of the acquisition (purchase) of 7,051± acres of conservation easement, Bullard Creek WMA, The Conservation Fund Conservation Easement, Jeff Davis and Appling Counties, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item D is the proposed acquisition of 1.137± acres of real property, Sunbury Boat Ramp, Brogdon Tract, Liberty County. He further stated that this land will be used for additional parking for the boat ramp.

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

Mr. Davis asked what will be done with the existing house on the property. Mr. Friedman stated that the house will be removed.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the acquisition (purchase) of 1.137± acres of real property, Sunbury Boat Ramp, Brogdon Tract, Liberty County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item E is the proposed acquisition of 33.208± acres of conservation easement and access easement, City of Vienna, The Conservation Fund Conservation Easement, Dooly County. He further stated that this easement is used to protect a federally endangered plant.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. New, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the acquisition (purchase) of 33.208± acres of conservation easement and access easement, City of Vienna, The Conservation Fund Conservation Easement, Dooly County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item F requests approval to enter into a lease agreement for Chattahoochee River Boat Ramp, City of Chattahoochee Hills Tract, 1.325± acres, Fulton County. He further stated that the agreement is for a 25-year lease, and it will be at no cost to the Department.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the lease agreement for Chattahoochee River Boat Ramp, City of Chattahoochee Hills Tract, 1.325±, Fulton County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item G requests to a Change of Use of a Heritage Preserve for up to 6± acres to widen SR 25/ US 17 and SR 99, Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site, Glynn County. He further stated that GDOT plans to add a round-a-bout.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, 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 of the Change of Use of a Heritage Preserve for up to 6± acres to widen SR 25/ US 17 and SR 99, Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site, Glynn County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item H is a proposal to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 6± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site, Glynn County. He further stated that this development will add no difficulty to the access of the property.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Stewart, 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 up to 6± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to the Georgia Department of Transportation, Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site, Glynn County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item I is a proposal to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 3.551± acres across the Altamaha River by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to the Georgia Department of Transportation to widen SR 135/ US 221 and replace the bridge, Jeff Davis and Montgomery Counties.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. New, 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 3.551± acres across the Altamaha River by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to the Georgia Department of Transportation to widen SR 135/ US 221 and replace the bridge, Jeff Davis and Montgomery Counties, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.