

Minutes
Land Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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April 23, 2019

Attendees:

Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Chair
Miki Thomaston, Vice Chair
William Bagwell
Dwight Evans
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Dee Yancey
Bodine Sinyard, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison – Via Conference Call
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Mobley
Brother Stewart

Guests

Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Chris Newton, Georgia Power
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Joe Carnahan, Luck Stone Corp.
Mark Williams, Luck Stone
Clint Courson, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Ag Council
Jim Renner, Southern Ionics Minerals
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeepers
Rosa Chi, GA Power
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Debbie Phillips, GA Industry Environmental Coalition

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Terry West
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Wes Robinson
Melanie Johnson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Houston Webb
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
John Bowers

Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Dika Kuoh
Sydney Brogden

The April 23, 2019 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Bodine Sinyard, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Sinyard 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 412± acres of real property and an access easement, Ohoopie Dunes WMA, Tomlinson Tract, Emanuel County. He further stated this piece of land will increase public outdoor recreation opportunities and wildlife conservation. He added that this will connect the previously disconnected parcels that made up the WMA.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, 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 of 412± acres of real property and an access easement, Ohoopie Dunes WMA, Tomlinson Tract, Emanuel County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item B is the proposed acquisition of 87± acres of real property, Doerun Pitcher Plant Bog WMA, Whitfield Tract, Colquitt County. He further stated that this proposed acquisition would significantly improve management, increase outdoor recreational opportunities, and add to the amount of gopher tortoise habitat on the property. He added that the property will be acquired by federal and private funds.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Yancey, 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 of 87± acres of real property, Doerun Pitcher Plant Bog WMA, Whitfield Tract, Colquitt County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item C is the proposed acquisition of 467± acres of real property, Paulding Forest WMA, Hubble Timber, LLC Tract, Paulding and Polk Counties. He further stated that this acquisition will add to the recreational value of the Paulding Forest WMA. He added that this item will permanently protect habitat for the longleaf pine.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. New, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek

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State Properties Commission approval of the acquisition of 467± acres of real property, Paulding Forest WMA, Hubble Timber, LLC Tract, Paulding and Polk Counties, as presented.

There being no further business, the Committee meeting was adjourned.