

**Minutes
Land Committee**

A. W. Jones Heritage Center
610 Beachview Drive
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

**May 21, 2019
9:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Chair
Miki Thomaston, Vice Chair
William Bagwell
Dwight Evans
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert – Via Conference Call
Rob Leebern
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Mike Phelps
Paul Shailendra – Via Conference Call
Dee Yancey
Bodine Sinyard, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

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

Guests

Brant Lane – Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Bryan Tolar – GA Urban Agriculture Council
Spud Woodward
Charles McMillan – Georgia Conservancy
Zach Harris – HunterMaclean
Jim Renner – Southern Ionics Minerals
Megan Desrosiers – One Hundred Miles
Thomas Farmer – The Nature Conservancy

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
Taylor Brown
Jill Andrews
John Bowers
Ted Will
Karl Burgess
Tyler Jones
Beth Tascotti

Richard Dunn, Director

The May 21, 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 39± acres of real property, the Chattahoochee River Mossy Creek Irvin Tract in Hall and White Counties. He further stated that this is a popular area for outdoor recreation. He added that the addition will allow the department to add more hiking trails and campsites.

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. Phelps, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 39± acres of real property, Chattahoochee River Mossy Creek Irvin Tract, Hall and White Counties, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Mr. Friedman stated that Item B is the proposed acquisition of 290± acres of real property, the Canoochee Sandhills, Nuthatch Canoochee Sandhills, LLC Tract (Nuthatch) in Bryan County. He further stated that this tract of land has high conservation value and will help the department manage the WMA. He added that it will be a valuable recreation area.

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 Ms. Thomaston, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 290± acres of real property, Canoochee Sandhills, Nuthatch Canoochee Sandhills, LLC tract (Nuthatch), Bryan County, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Mr. Friedman stated that Item C is the proposed acquisition of 155± acres of real property, the Rosemont Plantation, LLC Tract in Laurens County. He further stated that this will have high conservation value as it will protect three quarters of a mile of the Oconee River and various native species.

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 Ms. Thomaston, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 155± acres of real property, Rosemont Plantation, LLC Tract, Laurens County, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.