

Minutes

Land Committee

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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June 25, 2019

Attendees:

Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Chair – Via Conference Call
Miki Thomaston, Vice Chair
William Bagwell
Dwight Evans
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Paul Shailendra – Via Conference Call
Dee Yancey
Bodine Sinyard, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

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

Guests

Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Jim Renner, Southern Ionics Minerals
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Urban Ag Council
Doug Miell, Georgia Chamber
April Lipscomb, Southern Environmental Law Center
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Nick Johnson, Georgia Conservancy
Chad Smalls, Georgia Conservancy
Will Bentley, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Thomas Farmer, The Nature Conservancy
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau
Blake Raulerson, Georgia Farm Bureau

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson – Via Conference Call
Wes Robinson
Melanie Johnson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Houston Webb
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Cassidy Gerstorff
Tina Johannsen
Karl Burgess
Robert Stokes
Larry Blankenship
Jeremy Bolen
Rachel Rice
Sam Cox
Jay Howell
Kaitlin Goode

Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Jac Capp
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Laura Williams
Sydney Brogden
Dika Kuoh
Jim Cooley

The June 25, 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 request for approval to enter into a 25-year lease with Georgia Power Company over the 27.8 acres Dames Ferry Campground, Monroe County. He further stated that Parks is currently managing the campground under a 1-year MOU with Georgia Power. He added that it will be operated as a satellite to High Falls State Park and is expected to increase the revenues for that park. He stated that this is a no cost lease 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. 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 to enter into a 25-year lease with Georgia Power Company over the 27.8 acres Dames Ferry Campground, Monroe County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.