

Minutes

Land Committee

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Suite 1252 East Tower
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August 27, 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
Mike Phelps
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
Brother Stewart

Guests

Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Meredith Linch, Georgia Power
Robin Lanier, Georgia Power
Tim Zorc, Terra Southern
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Brant Lane, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble, Inc.
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Michael Power, Georgia Chemistry Council
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Terry West
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Wes Robinson
Melanie Johnson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Courtney Hall
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
Jon Ambrose
Charlie Killmaster
Ted Will
R. Clay George
Lacey Creech
Heidi Ferguson
Amanda Hrubesh
Aubrey Pawlikowski

Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Jac Capp
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Laura Williams
Donald Kirkland
James Cooley

The August 27, 2019 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Chairman Bodine Sinyard.

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

Mr. Friedman stated that the first item for consideration is the granting of a Revocable License Agreement (RLA) and Permanent Easement (PE) of up to 4.94± acres by the State Properties Commission (SPC) and General Assembly (GA) to Diverse Power at Chickasawhatchee WMA, for the Mike Commander Shooting Range, in Calhoun and Dougherty Counties.

Mr. Friedman stated that Diverse Power requires up to a 4.94± acre RLA and PE to install, operate and maintain underground distribution lines to provide electrical service to the shooting range. The RLA will be issued by the State Properties Commission and the PE will be granted by the General Assembly. He further stated that it is recommended the RLA and PE be granted at no cost, since they will benefit the Department, and that the SPC seek the PE from the General Assembly in 2020.

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. 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 granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 4.94± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Diverse Power at the Chickasawhatchee WMA, Calhoun and Dougherty counties, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that the next item for consideration was the granting of a Revocable License Agreement of up to 0.21± acres by the State Properties Commission to Taliaferro County, at A.H. Stephens State Park.

Mr. Friedman stated the RLA will allow Taliaferro County to place rip rap around a drainage pipe under Melears Bridge Road to avoid creating erosion issues for the Park. He further stated the RLA will benefit the Department, so it is recommended it be granted to Taliaferro County at no cost.

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. 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 granting of a Revocable License Agreement of up to 0.21± acres by the State Properties Commission to Taliaferro County, at A.H. Stephens State Park, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that the next item for consideration was the granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.75± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Crisp County Power Corporation at Georgia Veteran's State Park, in Crisp County.

Mr. Friedman stated a new communication tower is being constructed on the Park and Crisp Power will install an underground fiber optic line to provide service to the tower. The DNR LE and County Law Enforcement will be able to better communicate, which will provide more safety to the Park. He further stated fiber cable will be extended into the Park and in the future will allow the Park to improve their broadband and phone service.

Mr. Friedman stated the installation of fiber optic line requires the RLA be issued by the State Properties Commission and the PE be granted by the General Assembly. He further stated the RLA and PE will benefit the Department and therefore it is recommended they be granted at no cost and that the SPC seek the PE from the General Assembly in 2020.

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. Jones, 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 granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.75± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Crisp County Power Corporation at Georgia Veteran's State Park, Crisp County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that the next item for consideration was a request for approval via Executive Order to demolish the Sunbury House at Sunbury Boat Ramp, Liberty County.

Mr. Friedman stated the house was heavily damaged from Hurricane Irma and provides no value to the Department. Removing the house will allow the property to be improved as an addition to the existing boat ramp and to provide overflow parking.

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 State Properties Commission approval via Executive Order to demolish the Sunbury House at Sunbury Boat Ramp, Liberty County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that the next item for consideration was the granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.0675± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to McDuffie County at the WRD Region 3 Office.

Mr. Friedman stated the RLA and PE will be for easement to McDuffie County to widen the Thomson West Bypass Northern Extension at Bob Kirk Road. The proposal will not impact the Department parking lot. He added the RLA and PE will benefit the public and increase safety, so it is recommended they be granted to McDuffie County at no cost.

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. 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 granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.0675± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to McDuffie County at the WRD Region 3 Office, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.