

Minutes

Land Committee

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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October 22, 2019

Attendees:

Committee Members

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

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Mark Mobley
Brother Stewart

Guests

Bryan Tolar, Tolar Capitol Partners
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy
Jennette Gayer, Environment Georgia

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
Jill Andrews
Taylor Brown
Major Mike England
Richie Golden
Rhonda Henslee
Ashley Moon, CIA
Vonnetta Pryor
Lt. Chad Welch
Tim Wright

Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Jac Capp
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller

The October 22, 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 the first item for consideration would be the granting of a one-year rental agreement with (2) one-year renewals to the Golden Triangle RC&D for office space located within the Hooks-Hanner Environmental Resource Center, in Terrell County, until General Assembly authorization is received for a 10-year lease with (2) five-year renewals. The Hooks-Hanner building is approximately 3,146 sq. feet and the 1,100 sq. feet of rental space is currently available. He further stated Golden Triangle RC&D will pay rent based on an appraisal the State Properties Commission (SPC) will perform as well as a pro rata share of utilities and maintenance expenses.

A motion was made by Chairman 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 to enter into a lease agreement with Golden Triangle RC&D for approximately 1,100 sq. feet of office space at the State – Owned Hooks Hanner Building, in Terrell County.

Mr. Friedman stated the second item for consideration would be the approval via Executive Order to demolish the Group Shelter at Mistletoe State Park, Columbia County. He further stated the group shelter and associated smoke house are in poor condition and the roof is dilapidated. It has termite damage, needs significant interior repairs, and it is not safe for public use. The extensive repairs cannot be supported by the projected profit/loss numbers from rentals. He added the buildings will be removed, and the area will be used for other purposes, such as yurts or cabins which will increase Park revenue.

A motion was made by Chairman 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 via Executive Order to demolish the Group Shelter at Mistletoe State Park, Columbia County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.