

**Minutes**

**Land Committee**

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**May 19, 2020**

**9:00 a.m.**

**(Via Teleconference Call)**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members**

Dwight Davis, Chair  
Bodine Sinyard, Vice Chair  
William Bagwell  
Dwight Evans  
Bill Jones  
Rob Leebern  
Tim Lowe  
Billy New  
Mike Phelps  
Paul Shailendra  
Nancy Addison, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Joe Hatfield  
Duncan Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Brother Stewart  
Miki Thomaston  
Dee Yancey

**Guests**

Ryan Gesser, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson  
Josh Hildebrandt  
Cathy Barnette  
Amber Carter  
Artica Gaston  
Courtney Hall  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Steve Friedman  
Rusty Garrison  
Doug Haymans  
Tina Johannsen  
Mike Burgamy  
  
Richard Dunn, Director  
Lauren Curry  
Karen Hays

The May 19, 2020 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Board Chair Nancy Addison.

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

Mr. Friedman stated that Item C is requesting approval to grant a revocable license agreement and permanent easement of up to 3.24± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to AT&T at Wormsloe Historic Site for a fiber optic cable, in Chatham County.

Mr. Friedman stated the purpose of the easement is to allow AT&T to install, operate, and maintain an underground fiber optic cable that will provide service to the Wormsloe Visitors Center and the UGA buildings on the south end of the property. He further stated the existing cable is outdated and the new cable will be a benefit to the park. He added the Department recommends they be granted at no cost.

Mr. Friedman stated the area is Heritage Preserve dedicated, but the new fiber optic cable will provide needed support to a permitted use of the park, and therefore a change of use if not necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Leebern, 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 3.24± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to AT&T at Wormsloe Historic Site for a fiber optic cable, Chatham County.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item D requests a revocable license agreement (RLA) and permanent easement (PE) of up to 13.99± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly be granted to Glynn County at the Sansavilla WMA and Clayhole Swamp WMA, to pave Pennick Road.

Mr. Friedman stated the purpose of the easement is to allow Glynn County to install, operate, and maintain a paved road for drainage improvement. He further stated the existing roadways are currently subject to periodic flooding due to the flood stages of the Altamaha River, making it inaccessible to the WMA. He added the Department recommends they be granted at no cost since the RLA and PE will benefit the Department.

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 13.99± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Glynn County at the Sansavilla WMA and Clayhole Swamp WMA to pave Pennick Road, Glynn County.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item E is requesting a revocable license agreement and permanent easement of up to 2.02± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly be granted to Amanda Anne Hall, Margie J. Deer, Sally J. Grose, and Nollie Leigh Motes, (property owners) at the Tallulah Gorge State Park for an access easement, in Rabun County.

Mr. Friedman stated the purpose of this request is to convey a revocable license agreement and permanent easement to the property owners to access their property, which is currently landlocked by the Department. He further stated that the area is Heritage Preserve dedicated, but because the property owners are landlocked by the Department, a change of use is not necessary.

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 Granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 2.02± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Amanda Anne Hall, Margie J. Deer, Sally J. Grose, and Nollie Leigh Motes (Property Owners) at the Tallulah Gorge State Park for an access easement, Rabun County.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item F is requesting approval to renew a five (5) year sublease between the Department of Natural Resources and Elbert County.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department leases the property at Bobby Brown State Park from the Corps of Engineers (COE) and subleases the property to Elbert County. He further stated that Elbert County has requested to renew the sublease of 665± acres of Bobby Brown State Park for another five (5) year term, ending April 14, 2025, with the option to renew up to four (4) consecutive terms.

Mr. Friedman stated that Elbert County will continue to operate and maintain Bobby Brown State Park and will provide the Department a rental consideration of three (3%) percent gross revenue for the second term of this sublease agreement. He further stated that revenue percentages will be negotiated prior to the subsequent sublease renewals being formalized.

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 renew a five (5) year sublease agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and Elbert County, Bobby Brown State Park, Elbert County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.