

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

**August 25, 2020  
9:00 a.m.  
Via Teleconference Call**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members**

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

**Board Members**

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

**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

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

The August 25, 2020 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Nancy Addison, Chair of the Board of Natural Resources.

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

Mr. Friedman stated the first item is requesting approval via Executive Order to demolish Cottage #22 at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Harris County. He further stated that Cottage #22 has separated at the foundation and the walls are damaged beyond reasonable repair and the cottage is not ADA compliant. He added the cottage was taken out of the rental system several years ago.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department's Historic Preservation Division determined the Cottage is not historic, so demolition would not have a negative impact on the Georgia National Register of Historic Places. He further stated the structure is 2,650 square feet, so an executive order is required. He added that once the executive order is received, the Department will remove the Cottage and all debris from the site.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. New, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval via Executive Order to demolish the Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park Cottage #22, Harris County.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item on the agenda is requesting approval via Executive Order to demolish the Pool House at General Coffee State Park in Coffee County. He further stated the Pool House is no longer adequate to meet the needs of General Coffee State Park because the pool has been filled in and no longer exists. He added the roof leaks, there is rot in the interior and exterior walls, all fixtures and wiring are rusted and need to be replaced, and the layout would be challenging to redesign as a functional space. He stated the cost to repurpose the structure would not be worth the additional cost.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department's Historic Preservation Division determined the Pool House is not historic, so demolition would not have a negative impact on the Georgia National Register of Historic Places. He further stated an Executive Order from the Governor is required before demolition can begin because the structure is 2,501 square feet. He added that once the executive order is received, the Department will remove the Pool House and all debris from the site.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Sinyard, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval via Executive Order to demolish the General Coffee State Park Pool House, Coffee County.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item, Item C, is requesting a Revocable License Agreement (RLA) and Permanent Easement (PE) of up to 0.25± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Granite-Active Networks at Fort Yargo State Park in Barrow County. He further stated the purpose of the easement is to allow Granite-Active Networks to install, operate, and maintain a high-speed internet cable that will provide service to the Park Kiosk and Visitors Center. He added the cable will be a direct benefit to the Park by providing better service for daily operations such as processing credit card transactions, therefore the Department recommends the easements be granted at no cost. He added the area is Heritage Preserve dedicated, but the new high-speed internet cable will provide needed support to a permitted use of the park, and therefore a change of use is not necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Shailendra, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.25± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Granite-Active Networks at Fort Yargo State Park, Barrow County.

Mr. Friedman stated Item D is requesting approval to enter into a twenty-five (25) year agreement to lease Blackshear Ferry Landing, 0.88± acres, from Laurens County. He further stated the Department will lease the boat ramp at no cost for a twenty-five year term, and the County will provide general maintenance at no cost to the Department. He added the Department will remove the existing boat ramp and replace it with a structure to current construction standards, parking will be regraded and transition to semi-pervious crushed stone, and ADA compliant spaces will be installed.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Sinyard, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into an agreement with Laurens County to lease Blackshear Ferry Landing, 0.88± acres.

Mr. Friedman stated the last item, Item E, is requesting approval to enter into a twenty-five (25) year agreement to lease Burnt Fort Landing, 2,906± acres, from Charlton County. He further stated the Department will lease the boat ramp at no cost for a twenty-five year term,

and the County will provide general maintenance at no cost to the Department. He added the Department will clear and grade the site for installation of parking to serve the existing boat ramp. He stated that parking will be regraded and transition to semi-pervious crushed stone, and ADA compliant spaces will be installed.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Leebern, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into an agreement with Charlton County to lease Burnt Fort Landing, 2.906± acres.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.