

**Minutes
Land Committee
A. W. Jones Heritage Center
610 Beachview Drive
St. Simons Island, GA 31522**

**January 28, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman (Acting Chairman)
William Bagwell
Randy Dellinger
Patrick Denney
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Bodine Sinyard
Dee Yancey, Board Chairman, Ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Nick Ayers
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Ray Lambert
Gary Vowell

Guests

Duane Harris
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Jared DiVincent
Rena Ann Peck, Georgia River Network
Chris Bertrand, Satilla Riverkeeper
Dr. Bill Clark, Okefenokee Swamp Park
Ben Wall
Maggie Van Cantfort, Altamaha Riverkeeper
Tom Wheeler
Brooks Schoen, The Environmental Resources Network
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Cathy Barnette
Donald Kirkland
Thomas Barnard
Taylor Brown
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Doug Haymans
Ted Will
Karl Burgess
Tyler Jones
Kathy Knowlton

Richard Dunn, Director
John Eunice
Jac Capp
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Laura Williams

The January 28, 2022 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Dee Yancey, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Yancey called on Dwight Davis, Acting Chairman of the Land Committee, in the absence of Chairman Dwight Evans.

Mr. Davis announced that Item A was removed from the agenda.

Mr. Davis called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the second item on the agenda, Item B, is seeking approval to enter into a twenty-five (25) year agreement to lease 2.90± acres at Upper County Landing Boat Ramp from Wayne County. He further stated that the Department will renew the lease at no cost and Wayne County will assist with general maintenance at no cost to the Department. He added the Wildlife Resources Division will continue to operate the boat ramp and parking area on the Altamaha River and no renovations are currently planned. He further added that for the benefit of the public and upon approval by the Board, the Department will enter into a twenty-five (25) year lease agreement with the County at no cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, 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 a 25-year lease agreement with Wayne County, GA to lease Upper County Boat Ramp Landing, Wayne County, 2.90+ acres.

Mr. Friedman stated the last item for consideration, Item C, is requesting approval to enter into a twenty-five (25) year agreement with the City of Abbeville to lease 1.14± acres at Half Moon Landing Road Boat Ramp in Wilcox County.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department will renew the lease at no cost for a twenty-five (25) year term, and the City of Abbeville will assist with general maintenance at no cost to the Department. He further stated the Wildlife Resources Division will continue to operate the boat ramp and parking area on the Ocmulgee River and no renovations are currently planned. He added that for the benefit of the public and upon approval by the Board, the Department will enter into a twenty-five (25) year lease agreement with the City at no cost.

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 a 25-year lease agreement with City of Abbeville, GA to lease Half Moon Boat Ramp Landing, Wilcox County, 1.14+ acres.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.