

**Minutes  
Land Committee  
Savannah Economic Development Authority  
906 Drayton Street  
Savannah, GA 31401**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

**Committee Members**

Tim Lowe, Chair  
Charles DePriest, Vice Chair  
Nancy Addison  
Randy Dellinger  
Patrick Denney  
Dan Garcia  
Kevin Jackson  
Lesley Reynolds  
Bodine Sinyard  
Dwight Davis, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Joe Hatfield  
Mark Hennessy  
Duncan Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Paul Shailendra

**Guests**

Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Ag Council  
Mary Landers, The Current  
Beth Remmes, Georgia Interfaith Power and Light  
Ben Kirsch, Ogeechee Riverkeeper  
Jen Hilburn, One Hundred Miles  
Rena Peck, Georgia River Network  
Alicia Keyes, One Hundred Miles  
Justin Taylor, The Current  
Karen Robertson, RobMark  
Anna Edmondson, Robbins Government Relations  
Monet Murphy, Georgia Conservancy / Savannah St. Univ.  
Royce Johnson, Jack Hill State Park

**Staff Members**

Walter Rabon, Commissioner  
Thomas Barnard  
Trevor Santos  
Kyle Pearson  
Cathy Barnette  
Artica Gaston  
Mike England  
Steve Friedman  
Doug Haymans  
Angie Johnson  
Ted Will  
Taylor Brown Fisher  
Jaynie Gaskin  
Ray Smith  
  
Jeff Cown, Director  
James Boylan

The September 26, 2023 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Davis called on Tim Lowe, Chairman of the Land Committee. Mr. Lowe called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item A is requesting approval via Executive Order to demolish a group shelter on A.H. Stephens State Park, in Taliaferro County. He further stated the group shelter was condemned for structural integrity, and a new group shelter was built in 2022. He added that the cost to repair the group structure and bring it up to ADA compliance was determined to cost more than it is worth. He further added that the proposal is to remove the group shelter to the area so the area can be repurposed for guest services and public safety.

Mr. Friedman stated the structures of historical significance and/or 2,000 square feet and larger require an executive order authorizing their removal. He further stated the Office of the State Archaeologist determined the house is historic, and therefore completed the required Photographic Permanent Archival Record, which was reviewed and approved by the former Historic Preservation Division as meeting the requirements to remove the shelter. He added the structure is 1,865 square feet. He further added that subject to receiving the executive order, the Department will remove the Group Shelter from the site.

A motion was made by Mr. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Shailendra, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval via Executive Order to demolish a group shelter on A.H. Stephens State Park, Taliaferro County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.