

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

**February 27, 2024  
9:00 a.m.**

**Committee Members**

Randy Dellinger, Vice Chair  
Nancy Addison  
Patrick Denney  
Mark Hennessy  
Penn Hodge  
Kevin Jackson  
Brent Layton  
Gary Vowell  
Joe Hatfield, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Duncan Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Lesley Reynolds  
Bodine Sinyard

**Guests**

Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Ag Council  
Alice Keyes, One Hundred Miles  
Trust for Public Land Board  
Aldon Ortega, Samsara

**Staff Members**

Walter Rabon, Commissioner  
Thomas Barnard  
Trevor Santos  
Kyle Pearson  
Kate Iannuzzi  
Artica Gaston  
Cathy Barnette  
Alexus Thompson  
Mike England  
Steve Friedman  
Doug Haymans  
Angie Johnson  
Ted Will  
Lyndy Rogers  
Jill Andrews  
Tina Johannsen

Jeff Cown, Director  
James Boylan  
Chuck Mueller  
Anna Truszczynski  
Katie Hegarty

The February 27, 2024 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Joe Hatfield, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Hatfield called on Randy Dellinger, Vice Chairman of the Land Committee, in the absence of Paul Shailendra, Chairman. Mr. Dellinger called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item A is requesting approval of the granting of a revocable license agreement of up to 0.15± acres by the State Properties Commission to the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) at Doerun Pitcher Plant Bog Natural Area in Colquitt County.

Mr. Friedman further stated that the DOT is widening SR 133 and requires a revocable license to allow the contractor access to the work area. He further stated that the DOT has worked closely with staff to avoid any impact to the natural area, and the road work will improve the driveway entrance for the public. He added the State Properties Commission (SPC) will issue the RLA. He further added this area is Heritage Preserve dedicated, but because this is a short-term request, will not impact the natural area, and will improve public access, a change of use if not necessary.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Ms. Addison, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the granting of a revocable license agreement of up to 0.15± acres by the State Properties Commission to the Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) at Doerun Pitcher Plant Bog Natural Area in Colquitt County.**

Mr. Friedman stated that Item B is seeking approval to enter into a twenty-five (25) year lease for Camp Twin Lakes, Inc. to operate Camp Will-A-Way at Fort Yargo State Park, on 97.181± acres, in Barrow County.

Mr. Friedman stated that since 2008 in partnership with the Department, Camp Twin Lakes has operated Camp Will-A-Way within Fort Yargo State Park as a camp for children with serious illnesses, disabilities, and other life challenges. He further stated the current agreement ends this year, and Camp Twin Lakes and the Department wish to enter into a long-term lease of twenty-five (25) years. He added the long-term lease will allow Camp Twin Lakes to continue to operate and update the facilities for Camp Will-A-Way for public recreation. He further added the lease will be issued by the State Properties Commission (SPC) and General Assembly (GA). He stated the SPC will determine the consideration for the agreement.

Mr. Friedman stated the concession area at Fort Yargo State Park is Heritage Preserve dedicated, but the use of the park for public recreation is an allowable use.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hennessy, seconded by Mr. Denney, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a twenty-five (25) year lease for Camp Twin Lakes, Inc. to operate Camp Will-A-Way at Fort Yargo State Park, 97.181± acres in Barrow County.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.