

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

**May 21, 2019**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members**

Dwight Evans, Chair  
Joe Hatfield, Vice Chair  
Nancy Addison  
William Bagwell  
Dwight Davis  
Duncan Johnson – Via Conference Call  
Bill Jones  
Tim Lowe  
Aaron McWhorter  
Mark Mobley  
Billy New  
Dee Yancey  
Bodine Sinyard, Board Chairman, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Ray Lambert – Via Conference Call  
Rob Leebern  
Mike Phelps  
Paul Shailendra – Via Conference Call  
Miki Thomaston

**Guests**

Brant Lane – Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble  
Bryan Tolar – GA Urban Agriculture Council  
Spud Woodward  
Charles McMillan – Georgia Conservancy  
Zach Harris – HunterMaclea  
Jim Renner – Southern Ionics Minerals  
Megan Desrosiers – One Hundred Miles  
Thomas Farmer – The Nature Conservancy

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson  
Wes Robinson  
Cathy Barnette  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Dave Crass  
Steve Friedman  
Rusty Garrison  
Doug Haymans  
Taylor Brown  
Jill Andrews  
John Bowers  
Ted Will  
Karl Burgess  
Tyler Jones  
Beth Tascotti

Richard Dunn, Director

The May 21, 2019 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Bodine Sinyard, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Sinyard called on Dwight Evans, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee, who called on John Bowers, Chief of Game Management.

John Bowers briefed the Board on an action item that would amend hunting regulations. He stated that the Board was briefed previously in March, and there have been numerous opportunities for public comment.

Mr. Bowers stated that the overall public opinion of the new regulations has been positive.

Mr. Bowers stated that he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the proposed amendments to hunting regulations, Chapter 391-4-2, as presented.

Mr. Bowers briefed the Board on the second action item regarding general regulations pertaining to Georgia WRD Land Pass, Chapter 391-4-9. He stated there was a public comment period, but that there were no public comments submitted.

Mr. Bowers stated that the proposal exempts individuals who have paid for camping passes from being required to obtain the WRD Land Pass.

Mr. Bowers stated that he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. McWhorter, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the proposed amendments to general regulations, Chapter 391-4-9, pertaining to the Georgia WRD Land Pass, as presented.

Dwight Evans, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee, called on Ted Will, Assistant Chief of Fisheries Management, to present an action item.

Mr. Will presented the third action item to the Board. He stated that this item pertains to Public Fishing Areas. He further stated WRD held a public comment period and had one comment submitted.

Mr. Will stated that he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, seconded by Ms. Addison, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the proposed amendments to fishing regulations, Chapter 391-4-3, pertaining to Public Fishing Areas, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.