

**Minutes**  
**Wildlife Resources Committee**  
**Jack Hill State Park**  
**Group Shelter**  
**162 Park Lane**  
**Reidsville, GA 30453**

**April 27, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members**

Nick Ayers, Chair – Via Teleconference  
Patrick Denney, Vice Chair  
William Bagwell – Via Teleconference  
Dwight Davis – Via Teleconference  
Randy Dellinger  
Dwight Evans – Via Teleconference  
Joe Hatfield – Via Teleconference  
Duncan Johnson – Via Teleconference  
Tim Lowe  
Billy New  
Paul Shailendra – Via Teleconference  
Dee Yancey, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Nancy Addison  
Bill Jones  
Ray Lambert – Via Teleconference  
Rob Leebern – Via Teleconference  
Bodine Sinyard – Via Teleconference  
Miki Thomaston

**Staff Members**

Kyle Pearson – Via Teleconference  
Kate Iannuzzi – Via Teleconference  
Josh Hildebrandt – Via Teleconference  
Cathy Barnette  
Artica Gaston  
Courtney Hall – Via Teleconference  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Steve Friedman – Via Teleconference  
Doug Haymans  
Thom Litts  
Alan Isler  
  
Richard Dunn, Director – Via Teleconference  
John Eunice – Via Teleconference  
Jac Capp – Via Teleconference  
Karen Hays – Via Teleconference  
Chuck Mueller – Via Teleconference  
Laura Williams – Via Teleconference

The April 27, 2021 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Dee Yancey, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Yancey called on Nick Ayers, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee. Mr. Ayers called on Alan Isler, Chief of Game Management, to present the proposed amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2, pertaining to Migratory Bird Regulations.

Mr. Isler stated that under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is the primary authority for regulating migratory birds. He further stated the USFWS annually establishes a framework for the opening and closing dates, maximum season length, and maximum bag limits within which states must set their migratory bird hunting seasons. He added these frameworks are developed with the input of state wildlife agencies and are informed using biological population, harvest, and habitat parameters.

Mr. Isler stated the proposed waterfowl hunting season dates are within the frameworks provided by the USFWS and maximizes hunting opportunity within the approved frameworks. He further stated the one notable change to the migratory bird regulations this year is a change to the mourning dove hunting season. He added the proposal is to extend the first split of the mourning dove season into early October and to begin shooting hours ½ hours before sunrise on opening day.

A motion was made by Mr. Lowe, seconded by Mr. Davis, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board approve the Proposed Amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2, pertaining to Migratory Bird Regulations, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.