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

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

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

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.