

Minutes
Board of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

July 25, 2007
10:00 a.m.
Via telephone conference

Attending:

Board Members

Jim Walters, Chairman	(via phone)
David Allen	(via phone)
Bill Archer	(via phone)
Earl Barrs	(via phone)
Jenny Lynn Bradley	(via phone)
Bill Carruth	(via phone)
Walter Hudson	(via phone)
Phyllis Johnson	(via phone)
Bob Rutland	(via phone)
Tom Wheeler	(via phone)

Staff Members

Noel Holcomb
Susan Shipman (via phone)
Brad Gane (via phone)
Emily Hitchcock
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

Visitors

None

The July 25, 2007 special-called teleconference meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Jim Walters.

Chairman Walters stated that the purpose of the special-called meeting was for the consideration of a proposed amendment, which was approved by the Coastal Committee at the June 26, 2007 meeting and could not be considered by the Board due to a filing procedure technicality.

Chairman Walters called on Susan Shipman, Director of Coastal Resources Division (CRD), to give a brief summary of the proposed amendment to Coastal Marshlands Rules, Chapter 391-2-3-.02, for consideration by the Board.

Ms. Shipman stated that the proposed amendment would authorize the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee to grant an exception to the 50-foot marshlands buffer applicable to the upland component of a project, which is subject to Marsh Act permitting when extraordinary or exceptional hardship would result. She further stated that the Coastal Committee had reviewed the proposed amendment in detail in June. She added that the Committee had recommended that the Board adopt the proposed Resolution regarding the proposed amendment to Coastal Marshlands Protection Rules, Chapter 391-2-3-.02.

Ms. Shipman stated that two additional public comments regarding the amendment had been received since the June meeting. She further stated that the additional comments had been considered and responded to by CRD, and that this information had been provided to Board members. She added that CRD made no changes to the proposed amendment and was presenting it for consideration.

There being no questions or discussion and no public attendees present to comment, Chairman Walters called for a motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Rutland, seconded by Dr. Allen, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution regarding the proposed amendment to Coastal Marshlands Protection Rules, Chapter 391-2-3-.02. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Walters asked if there was any other business.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the hunting and fishing licenses increase.

Ms. Shipman expressed appreciation to the Board for their consideration and passage of the Resolution regarding the proposed amendment to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Rules.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the level of turtle nesting and the shrimping season.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

J. A. Walters, Chairman

ATTEST:

Secretary