

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

**October 28, 2015**

**Attending:**

Board Members

Ray Lambert, Chairman  
William Bagwell, Vice Chairman  
Aaron McWhorter, Secretary  
Nancy Addison  
Dwight Davis  
Dwight Evans  
Duncan Johnson, Jr.  
Bill Jones  
Rob Leebern  
Mark Mobley  
Mike Phelps  
Matt Sawhill  
Paul Shailendra  
Bodine Sinyard  
Brother Stewart  
Philip Watt (Via Conference Call)  
Philip Wilheit  
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Tom Johnson, Friends of Georgia State Parks  
Mark Benoit, Little Cumberland Island  
Andy Fleming, Friends of Georgia State Parks  
Deby Glidden, Little Cumberland Island  
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Chris Wells, Office of Planning and Budget  
Bill Purvis, Friends of Georgia State Parks  
Joy Purvis, Friends of Georgia State Parks  
Kent Franz, NOAA

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Jud Turner  
Walter Rabon  
Dave Crass  
Dan Forster  
Eddie Henderson  
Becky Kelley  
Spud Woodward  
Steve Friedman  
Kyle Pearson  
Zachary Harris  
Cathy Barnette  
Taylor Brown  
Mary Kathryn Yearata  
Mary Walker  
John Martin  
John Bowers  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Karen Hays  
Jac Capp  
Jeff Weaver  
Wally Woods  
Joe Bradford  
Doug Haymans  
Brad Gane  
Terry West  
David Clark  
Jeff Cown  
Rachel Black  
Derek Dillard  
Michael Howze  
Desmond Timmons

The October 28, 2015 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Ray Lambert.

Chairman Lambert called for a motion to approve the September Minutes for the Board of Natural Resources.

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board approve the minutes from the September meeting of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on Mark Williams, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, for his Commissioner's Report.

Commissioner Williams thanked the Board members for attending the Natural Resources Foundation's Governor's Gala.

Commissioner Williams stated Field Managers Day provides select employees with the opportunity to learn, grow and interact with agency management and attend a Board meeting. He introduced Rachel Black (HPD), Sgt. Derek Dillard (LED), Michael Howze (WRD) and Desmond Timmons (PRHSD) who were selected to attend October's Field Managers Day.

Commissioner Williams stated the Coastal Resources Division hosted its annual CoastFest on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and welcomed over 7,800 to the event. He thanked Director Spud Woodward and the CRD staff for all their hard work in hosting this event.

Commissioner Williams stated the Department would be hosting a Legislative Listening Session in November at the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. He further stated this event will give the Department the opportunity to discuss important issues with legislators. He invited all Board members to attend.

Commissioner Williams called on Dan Forster, Director of the Wildlife Resources Division, for his Division update.

Director Forster updated the Board on the WRD fact sheet; WRD's communication efforts; a grant received for Boater Registration; and the grand opening of the Shooting Sports Facility at Georgia Southern University.

Commissioner Williams called on Kyle Pearson, Executive Counsel, to request an action on the Redirect of General Obligation Bond Funds.

Mr. Pearson stated the Department requests the approval to seek redirection of General Obligation Bond funds. He further stated DNR 132 provided \$4,475,000.00 for the purchase of a new helicopter. He added the new helicopter was purchased for \$3,436,605.08 which left a remaining balance in DNR 132 of \$1,038,394.92.

Mr. Pearson stated the Department requests the remaining balance be used toward the purchase of a fixed wing aircraft. He further stated the Department intends to use the fixed wing aircraft for some types of missions that are now being performed in helicopters but which can be performed at a lower operating cost in fixed wing aircraft.

Mr. Pearson stated he would request the Board adopt the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Redirect of General Obligation Bond Funds.

Commissioner Williams called on Spud Woodward, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, for his Division update.

Director Woodward updated the Board on CoastFest; the oyster farming partnership between CRD, The Department of Agriculture and The University System; and coastal flooding.

Commissioner Williams called on Col. Eddie Henderson, Director of the Law Enforcement Division, for his Division update.

Col. Henderson updated the Board on the opening weekend of deer hunting seasons.

Commissioner Williams called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division, for her Division update.

Director Kelley called on Kent Frantz, Coordinator of the StormReady Advisory Board in Georgia, who informed the Board of Georgia State Parks StormReady designation.

Director Kelley updated the Board on Your State Parks Day and the Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Director Kelley called on Andy Fleming, Executive Director of the Friends of State Parks, to introduce Bill and Joy Purvis, the 2015 Georgia State Parks Volunteers of the Year.

Director Kelley recognized Joe Bradford for being named the 2015 State Parks Manager of the Year.

Commissioner Williams stated there being no further business, his report was concluded.

Chairman Lambert called on Jud Turner, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for his Division Report.

Director Turner updated the Board on the Clean Power Plan; the Water Control Manual; the status of Georgia's water supply projects; the Sabal Trail Pipeline; ozone standards; and the Solid Waste Trust Fund.

Chairman Lambert called on Nancy Addison, Chairman of the Coastal Committee, for her Committee report.

Ms. Addison called on Director Woodward.

Director Woodward stated the public notice for the proposed amendments to the Rules for Shore Protection, Chapter 391-2-2 stated that the Board of Natural Resources would consider the proposed rule on October 28, 2015. He further stated the Committee Meeting date of October 27, 2015 was not included on the public notice and therefore the public was not aware that the Committee had met to consider this item. He added that two speakers who were unaware of the October 27, 2015 Committee meeting wished to speak on this item at the Board meeting.

Ms. Addison stated she would call on the two speakers at this time. She asked that the speakers limit their comments to three minutes or less.

Mark Benoit, resident of Little Cumberland Island, asked that the access road to the lighthouse on Little Cumberland Island remain open.

Deby Glidden, member of the Little Cumberland Island Homeowners Association, asked that the access road to the lighthouse on Little Cumberland Island remain open.

Mr. Davis asked Director Woodward to address the speaker's comments.

Director Woodward stated this access road is currently not included as an approved access point and therefore will not be affected by the proposed amendments. He further stated CRD would be working with the residents of Little Cumberland Island on this issue.

A motion was made by Ms. Addison, seconded by Mr. Sinyard and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Shore Protection, Chapter 391-2-2. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Ms. Addison, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Ms. Addison called for a motion to approve the reappointment of Rick Gardner as a member of the Coastal Marshland Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard and carried unanimously to approve the CMPC/SPC member reappointment of Rick Gardner.

Chairman Lambert called on William Bagwell, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee, for his Committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Lambert called on Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Land Committee, for his Committee Report.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Ms. Addison and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a five (5) year Lease Agreement with the United States Postal Service, Sapelo Island, McIntosh County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Davis stated that it had been noticed on the agenda that the Land Committee would hold an Executive Session at the conclusion of the public meeting, and he invited all Board Members to attend.

Chairman Lambert called on Mr. Bagwell, Chairman of the Rock Howard Nominating Committee for the Committee Report.

Mr. Bagwell stated the Committee had met and voted to nominate former Georgia Governor and former U.S. Senator Zell Miller to receive the Rock Howard Conservation Achievement Award.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board award former Georgia Governor and former U.S. Senator Zell Miller the Rock Howard Conservation Achievement Award.

Chairman Lambert stated the following Board Members would serve on the Nominating Committee for the 2016 Officers of the Board of Natural Resources: Mr. Wilheit, Chairman, Mr. Leebern, Mr. Evans, Ms. Johnson and Dr. Watt.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously by Mr. Bagwell, Mr. Evans, Mr. Jones, Mr. Leebern, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Sawhill and Mr. Shailendra that the Land Committee go into Executive Session in accordance with the O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(B), in order to discuss the authorization of negotiations to purchase property. (Affidavit attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Lambert called the Board of Natural Resources meeting back to order following the Executive Session of the Land Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



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Ray Lambert, Chairman

ATTEST:



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Aaron McWhorter, Secretary