

**Minutes**  
**Board of Natural Resources**  
A.W. Jones Heritage Center  
610 Beachview Drive  
St. Simon's Island, GA 31522

**February 6, 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  
Mike Phelps  
Paul Shailendra  
Bodine Sinyard  
Brother Stewart  
Philip Watt  
Philip Wilheit  
Dee Yancey

**Visitors**

Monica Smith  
James Holland  
Megan Desrosiers, One Hundred Miles  
M.K. Boyd  
Janice Browning  
Mimi Waite  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams  
Jud Turner  
Homer Bryson  
Dan Forster  
Eddie Henderson  
Spud Woodward  
Steve Friedman  
Kyle Pearson  
Lauren Curry  
Cathy Barnette  
Taylor Brown  
Zachary Harris  
Mary Walker  
Trip Addison  
John Bowers  
Jeff Cown  
Stephen Adams  
Jeff Weaver  
Walter Rabon  
Keith Bentley  
Dough Haymans  
Bert Langley

The February 6, 2015 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Ray Lambert.

Chairman Lambert welcomed all those in attendance.

Chairman Lambert adjourned the Board meeting to begin the Committee meetings.

The Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Lambert.

Chairman Lambert called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2015 Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Leebern and carried unanimously to approve the January 2015 minutes of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on Jud Turner, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, to give his report on the Environmental Protection Division.

Mr. Turner updated the Board on the Supreme Court water case; the Safe Dams Program; the Soil and Water Conservation Commission; and the Ozone National Standards.

Discussion ensued concerning the Safe Dams Program and assessing the risk of dams.

Mr. Sinyard asked Director Turner to give a brief update on SB 36, the Underground Water Supply Protection Act of 2015, and the Aquifer Recovery Storage (ASR) test site in Baker County.

Director Turner called on Russ Pennington. Mr. Pennington stated the ASR test site in Baker County is still in the research stage. He further stated each Aquifer Recovery Storage site is very site-specific and the senate bill only addresses counties on the coast.

Discussion ensued on ASR.

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

Commissioner Williams updated the Board on the budget and DNR legislation.

Commissioner Williams stated current Deputy Commissioner Homer Bryson has been appointment by Governor Deal as the new Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. He further stated he is very sad to see Mr. Bryson leaving the Department, but knows he will do well at Corrections.

Commissioner Williams stated Walter Rabon, who is currently a Major in the Law Enforcement Division, will be joining the Commissioner's Office staff as the new Deputy Commissioner of the Department. He stated he was excited to begin working with Mr. Rabon in his new role.

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

Director Forster gave an update on Weekend for Wildlife; customer engagement through social media; the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Wildlife Diversity Chiefs meeting at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center.

Director Forster introduced Mary Pfaffko, the new Assistant Chief of the Nongame Conservation Section.

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

Director Woodward showed a video on artificial reefs in Georgia. He stated the purposes of these reefs are to increase diving and fishing areas and to increase biological diversity.

Dr. Watt asked Mr. Woodward to explain the sites of the artificial reefs.

Director Woodward stated there are 22 marine sites designated on the coast of Georgia.

Mr. Wilheit stated Director Woodward and CRD staff are working with John Martin, Director of IT, to show the artificial marine sites on the Georgia Outdoor Map with videos and pictures included.

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

Colonel Henderson updated the Board on the Law Enforcement Division's work to locate the drowning victim in the Satilla River.

Dr. Watt thanked Colonel Henderson for his update on this matter.

Commissioner Williams stated an updated tracking sheet of the bills the DNR and EPD are following was given to each Board member.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-11. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Lambert called on Mr. Davis, Chairman of the Land Committee, for his 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 amend a boat ramp lease with the Georgia Power Company, Bartlett's Ferry Boat Ramp Lease Amendment, 5.15± acres, Harris County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Shailendra and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to demolish the pool bathhouse located at Laura S. Walker State Park, Ware County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

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 demolish the pool bathhouse located at Crooked River State Park, Camden County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Lambert thanked the Board members who would be attending the Weekend for Wildlife.

Mr. Wilheit stated on behalf of the Board members he would like to thank Mr. Bryson for his service to the Department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
Ray Lambert, Chairman

ATTEST:



Aaron McWhorter, Secretary