

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

**June 24, 2015**

**Attending:**

**Board Members**

Ray Lambert, Chairman  
William Bagwell, Vice Chairman  
Aaron McWhorter, Secretary  
Dwight Davis  
Dwight Evans  
Walter Hudson  
Duncan Johnson, Jr.  
Bill Jones  
Rob Leebern  
Mark Mobley  
Mike Phelps  
Paul Shailendra  
Bodine Sinyard  
Brother Stewart  
Philip Watt  
Philip Wilheit  
Dee Yancey

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams  
Jud Turner  
Dave Crass  
Eddie Henderson  
Spud Woodward  
Steve Friedman  
Kyle Pearson  
Zachary Harris  
Cathy Barnette  
Taylor Brown  
Tina Brunjes  
Mary Walker  
Trip Addison  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Keith Bentley  
Jac Capp  
Wally Woods  
Jeff Weaver  
Terry West  
John Martin  
Hellen Harris  
Mike Long  
Karen Hays  
Jeff Cown  
Jennifer Dixon  
Valarie Ikhwan  
Jim Page  
Kate Hargrove

**Visitors**

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation  
Andrew Schuck, TCF  
Mary Kay Woodworth, Georgia Urban Agriculture Council  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Bennett Weinstein, ARC  
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner and Associates

The June 24, 2015 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on Representative Brooks Coleman, to speak to the Board.

Chairman Lambert called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2015 Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously that the Board approve the minutes of the May 2015 Board meeting.

Chairman Lambert called on Jud Turner, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for a Division update.

Director Turner called on Mary Walker, Assistant Director of the Environmental Protection Division, who updated the Board on the work of the Ambient Monitoring Program.

Director Turner updated the Board on the Tired Creek Buffer Case; the saltwater intrusion in the Floridan Aquifer; the Supreme Court water case; the ASR project at the Elmodel WMA; and the Water Quality Standards.

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

Commissioner Williams introduced Jennifer Dixon (Planning and Policy Development, HPD), Valarie Ikhwan (Historic Site Manager, PRHSD), Jim Page (Marine Biologist, CRD), and Corporal Kate Hargrove (LED), who were in attendance for Field Manager's Day. He stated select managers are provided the opportunity to learn, grow and interact with agency management and attend the Board meeting.

Commissioner Williams recognized Hellen Harris, Administrative Assistant for the Historic Preservation Division. He stated Ms. Harris would be retiring in July after serving the Department for ten years. He commended Ms. Harris for her service to Georgia and congratulated her on a great career with DNR.

Commissioner Williams recognized Bill Jones for receiving the John Macpherson Berrien Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the Georgia Historic Society.

Commissioner Williams congratulated the Parks Division for being selected as a finalist for the National Gold Medal Awards for State Park Systems.

Commissioner Williams stated the Department was in the process of holding public meetings to provide Georgia citizens with the opportunity to comment on possible changes to Georgia's Hunting and Fishing License structure. He further stated these meetings provide interested citizens with a chance to hear more about the reasoning behind possible changes and the chance to ask questions and provide

thoughtful feedback. He added five of the seven planned meetings had already taken place and feedback was generally positive.

Commissioner Williams stated Representative David Knight had been named the new Chairman of the Game, Fish and Parks Committee.

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

Colonel Henderson updated the Board on the Division's "Summer of Safety" media campaign; Operation Dry Water; and recent boating incidents.

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

Director Woodward updated the Board on the food shrimp harvest season; "Beach Week"; and red snapper.

Commissioner Williams called on Mark Whitney, Assistant Director of the Wildlife Resources Division, for his Division update.

Mr. Whitney updated the Board on the Hunting and Fishing License public meetings.

Commissioner Williams called on Dave Crass, Director of the Historic Preservation Division, for his Division update.

Director Crass updated the Board on the new Section 106 database and his work on creating employee development training.

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

Mr. Wilheit left the meeting.

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Low Emission Vehicle Certification, Chapter 391-3-25. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed Grant Criteria for Award of Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants. (Proposed Grant Criteria attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Mr. Bagwell stated the following item, Proposed Amendments to Rules Related to Drought Management, would require three separate motions of approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. McWhorter and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Outdoor Water Use, Chapter 391-3-30. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Groundwater Use, Chapter 391-3-2. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Shailendra and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed Rules for Public Water Systems to Improve Water Supply Efficiency, Chapter 391-3-33. (Proposed Rule 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 Mr. Stewart and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 4,103± acres of real property, Altamaha Wildlife Management Area, Altama Tract, Glynn County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Mr. Davis stated Mr. Stewart would be abstaining from the following vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Sinyard and carried unanimously that the Board adopt: the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.24± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 107 Cranford Street, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.24± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 109 Cranford Street, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.29± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Project, 106 Cranford Street, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.31± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 102 North Paul Street, Houston County; and the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.47± acres of

real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 204 North Paul Street, Houston County. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to decline the reconveyance of 25± acres from Greenwich Investors XLVII Trust 2014-1, Former Youth Estate on GA Hwy 99, Glynn County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Hudson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the granting of a Revocable License Agreement of 0.12± acres by the State Properties Commission to Greystone Power Corporation to install and maintain an underground power line at Sweetwater Creek State Park, Douglas County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Lambert stated there would no Board meeting in July.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Ray Lambert, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Aaron McWhorter, Secretary

**Minutes**  
**Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
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**Attending:**

**Committee Members**

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Ray Lambert, Board Chair, ex-officio

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Dwight Evans  
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Paul Shailendra  
Philip Watt, via telephone  
Philip Wilheit  
Dee Yancey

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Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition  
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Doug Niell, Georgia Chamber  
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Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Kevin Jeselnik, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
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Richard Sykes, Environment Georgia  
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Catherine Fleming, Georgia Municipal Association  
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John Bowers  
Karen Hays  
Mark Whitney  
Terry West  
Mallory Barfield  
Kim Lampkins  
Beverly Terrell

The June 23, 2015 meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee was called to order by Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on Duncan Johnson, Jr., Chairman of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee who called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division.

Director Kelley stated she would be briefing the Board on the new partnership between Georgia State Parks and AmeriCorps, "Protect and Engage Partnership 2015." She further stated that the program will create and provide new interpretive, educational and recreational programs geared to increase visitation; maintain and enhance the state's natural and cultural resources; and leverage additional volunteers to support our state parks and historic sites system. She added that the program will begin August 1, 2015 and will be running for one year.

Director Kelley stated five Resource Management AmeriCorps members will assist with nine different types of services, approximately 100 specific projects at approximately 27 state parks and historic sites. She further stated ten Programming AmeriCorps members will create and offer approximately 2,650 new programs/special events at 20 state parks and historic sites. She added this is expected to increase visitation by approximately 44,000.

Director Kelley introduced Kim Lampkins, Manager of the Business Services Unit, to explain the role of the Business Services Unit for PRHSD and introduce the Business Services Unit team.

Ms. Lampkin's stated the Business Services Unit is instrumental in PRHSD's consistent successful fiscal year end closeouts; created and implemented an entirely new cost allocation system for PRHSD; works directly with Operations to update annual Site Business Plans; and worked directly with Operations to establish and launch the online sale of Georgia State Park Gift Cards and Park Passes.

Director Kelley called on Wally Woods, who presented the Board Members with a copy of the PRHSD Resource Management Annual Report.

Director Kelley updated the Board on Park's new "Dig It!" campaign with the Friends of Georgia State Parks; the partnership with The National Park Service's "Find Your Park" campaign; and the Bullock House in Warm Springs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes**  
**Wildlife Resources Committee**  
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**Attending:**

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Dee Yancey, Chairman  
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William Bagwell  
Dwight Davis  
Dwight Evans  
Rob Leebern  
Aaron McWhorter  
Philip Watt, via telephone  
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**Visitors**

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Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
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Richard Sykes, Environment Georgia  
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Thomas Beusse, Georgia Chemistry Council  
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Mark Whitney  
Terry West  
Mallory Barfield  
Kim Lampkins  
Beverly Terrell

The June 23, 2015 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on Dee Yancey, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee, who called on Tina Brunjes, Programs Operation Manager, to brief the Board on the proposed amendments to Waterfowl Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2.

Ms. Brunjes stated under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the US Fish and Wildlife Service is the primary authority for regulating migratory birds. She further stated the USFWS annually establishes a framework within which the states must set their migratory bird hunting seasons. She added these frameworks are developed with the input of state wildlife agencies and are formed using biological population, harvest and habitat parameters.

Ms. Brunjes stated the proposed waterfowl hunting season dates are within the framework WRD anticipates will be offered by the USFWS later this summer. She further stated the proposal maximizes hunting opportunity within the anticipated framework.

Ms. Brunjes stated WRD intends to provide the Board with the opportunity for final input prior to the final proposal to be presented at the August 26, 2015 Board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes**  
**Environmental Protection Committee**  
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**Attending:**

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Dwight Evans, Vice Chairman  
Dwight Davis  
Rob Leebern  
Aaron McWhorter  
Mike Phelps  
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The June 23, 2015 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on William Bagwell, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee, who called on Karen Hays, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to present the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to miscellaneous changes and updates.

Ms. Hays stated EPD regularly updates rules to incorporate changes to US EPA rules, update references to the most current documents and clarify requirements. She further stated six rule changes are being proposed and are detailed in the board package.

Ms. Hays stated she would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to miscellaneous changes and updates, as presented.

Ms. Hays stated the next item for consideration would be the proposed amendments to the Rules for Low Emission Vehicle Certification, Chapter 391-3-25.

Ms. Hays stated “Low Emission Vehicle Certification” is being amended to incorporate the statutory changes of the General Assembly during the 2014 legislative session. She further state HB 348 added a tax credit for purchases of alternative fuel heavy-duty and medium-duty vehicles.

Ms. Hays stated the tax credit is for vehicles purchased after July 1, 2015 and before June 30, 2017. She further stated EPD is responsible for certifying that the vehicles are eligible for the tax credit. She added the Department of Revenue is tasked with approving the tax credit.

Ms. Hays stated the Board was briefed on this item at the April Board meeting. She further stated a public hearing was held in May and no comments were received during the public notice period.

Ms. Hays stated she would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Low Emission Vehicle Certification, Chapter 391-3-25, as presented.

Chairman Bagwell called on Jac Capp, Chief of the Watershed Protection Branch, to present the proposed Grant Criteria for Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants.

Mr. Capp stated Under Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act, the US EPA awards a Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant each Federal fiscal year to fund eligible projects that support the implementation of Georgia's Nonpoint Source Management Program. He further stated EPD estimates the year's competitive award value to be approximately \$1.6 million.

Mr. Capp stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board approve the proposed Grant Criteria of Section 319(h) Nonpoint Source Implementation Grants, as presented.

Mr. Capp stated the next item for consideration would be the proposed amendments to the Rules for Drought Management. He further stated he would be requesting three separate motions from the Committee for this action item.

Mr. Capp stated under HB 1281, which was adopted by the General Assembly in 2008, the DNR Board must adopt new rules relating to drought management. He further stated in 2010, SB 370 was adopted by the General Assembly, which established a year round and state wide limitation on outdoor watering from 4pm to 10am, with 13 listed exceptions.

Mr. Capp stated the purpose of the proposed rule change for Drought Management, Chapter 391-3-30 is to incorporate provisions for a drought response committee; drought indicators and triggers; a drought declaration process; predrought mitigation strategies designed to minimize the potential effects of drought; and drought response strategies to be implemented during various stages of drought. He further stated the drought response strategies that will be implemented during different stages of drought include public education, outdoor water use restrictions, rate structure requirements, numeric water usage reduction requirements, and a menu of other practices designed to achieve water use reductions during periods of drought. He added 391-3-30-.08, "Variance Requests" is a new rule regarding the granting of variances by the EPD Director to local governments or authorities that would allow them to impose restrictions on outdoor water use that are more, or less, stringent than those specified in the rule.

Mr. Capp stated narrow amendments are also proposed to the Rules for Groundwater Use, 391-3-2-.04 and the Rules for Water Quality Control, 391-3-6-.07, to ensure consistency between the drought contingency requirements of those rules and the provisions of the proposed Rules for Drought Management.

Mr. Capp stated EPD received 18 sets of comments on the proposed rules during the public notice period from public water systems, local governments, businesses, industry, agriculture, green industry, electric utilities, and environmental groups. He further stated the comments were generally supportive of the rule and the process. He added no changes to the proposed rules were recommended in response to comments received.

Mr. Capp stated the Board was briefed on this item at the January 2015 Board meeting and re-briefed at the March 2015 Board meeting. He further stated a public hearing was held on May 5, 2015.

Mr. Capp stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

Chairman Bagwell stated two people had signed up to speak on this item. He asked each speaker to limit their comments to no more than three minutes.

Kevin Jeselnik, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, spoke on the proposed amendments.

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council, spoke on the proposed amendments.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Capp and Jud Turner, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, to follow up on the comments made by the two speakers.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. McWhorter and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Outdoor Water Use, Chapter 391-3-30, as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Groundwater Use, Chapter 391-3-2, as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Phelps and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Water Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-6, as presented.

Mr. Leebern entered the meeting.

Mr. Capp stated the next item for consideration would be the proposed new rules for Public Water Systems to Improve Water Supply Efficiency, Chapter 391-3-33.

Mr. Capp stated as called for in the Georgia Water Stewardship Act of 2010, the DNR Board must adopt rules to encourage public water systems to develop and improve water loss abatement programs. He further stated the proposed Rules for Public Water Systems to Improve Water Supply Efficiency require public water systems to conduct an annual water loss audit and to submit the results of that audit to EPD. He added the proposed rule also requires public water systems to develop and

implement a water loss control program to investigate, assess, and implement efforts to improve water supply efficiency and to demonstrate progress toward improving water supply efficiency over time.

Mr. Capp stated nine sets of comments were received during the public notice period. He further stated no changes to the proposed rule were recommended in response to these comments.

Mr. Capp stated a stakeholder meeting was held on October 22, 2014. He further stated the Board had been briefed on this item at the March 2015 Board meeting and a public hearing was held on May 5, 2015.

Mr. Capp stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

Chairman Bagwell stated there was one speaker signed up to speak on this item. He asked that the speaker limit their comments to three minutes or less.

Jennette Gayer, Environment Georgia, spoke on the proposed rule.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Leebern and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed Rules for Public Water Systems to Improve Water Supply Efficiency, Chapter 391-3-33, as presented.

Mr. Phelps left the meeting.

Mr. Capp stated the final item for consideration would be a briefing on the proposed amendments to Rules for Dam Safety, Chapter 391-3-8.

Mr. Capp stated EPD is proposing to amend Chapter 391-3-8-.01 through -.11 to improve the overall effectiveness of the Safe Dams Program. He further stated that a dam is categorized as at least 25 feet high or stores at least 100 acre-feet under the Safe Dams Act.

Mr. Capp stated these amendments are designed to ensure that potential Category I dams are promptly identified and categorized appropriately, that identified Category I dams are permitted, that identified Category I dams are routinely inspected with appropriate follow up actions if problems are discovered, and that Category I dams have Emergency Action Plans.

Mr. Capp stated the proposed amendments will go out for public notice in July 2015. He further stated a public hearing will be held in August. He added EPD anticipates requesting Board approval on this item at the September 24, 2015 meeting.

Director Turner commented on the proposed amendments to the Rules for Dam Safety.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes**  
**Land Committee**  
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Wally Woods  
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Terry West  
Mallory Barfield  
Kim Lampkins  
Beverly Terrell

The June 23, 2015 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Land Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item for consideration would be the acquisition of 4,103± acres of real property, Altamaha Wildlife Management Area, Altama Tract.

Mr. Friedman stated acquiring the Altama Tract will permanently preserve 4,103± acres for the Altamaha Wildlife Management Area. He further stated the tract is home to a vast ecosystem of plant and animal life, which includes the longleaf pine and gopher tortoise.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

Discussion ensued concerning the importance of the Altama Tract.

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 4,103± acres of real property, Altamaha Wildlife Management Area, Altama Tract, Glynn County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the Items B-F were all part of the Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project in Houston County. He further stated all acquisitions would be funded by DNR Bond 123.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item would be the acquisition of 0.24± acres of real property at 107 Cranford Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$2,400 and the lot was vacant.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item would be the acquisition of 0.24± acres of real property at 109 Cranford Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$2,400 and the lot was vacant.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item would be the acquisition of 0.29± acres of real property at 106 Cranford Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$45,800 and the property contained a house which would be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item would be the acquisition of 0.31± acres of real property at 102 North Paul Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$5,100 and the property contained a house which would be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item would be the acquisition of 0.47± acres of real property at 204 North Paul Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$4,500 and the property contained a house which would be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the items as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt: the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.24± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 107 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.24± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 109 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.29± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Project, 106 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.31± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 102 North Paul Street, Houston County, as presented; and the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.47± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 204 North Paul Street, Houston County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration would be the approval to decline the reconveyance of 25± acres from Greenwich Investors XLVII Trust 2014-1, Former Youth Estate on GA in Glynn County.

Mr. Friedman stated this tract was formerly known as the Youth Estate, which promoted positive behavioral changes for children and families. He further stated the Department received an offer of reconveyance from Greenwich expressing their interest in selling the property to another party on April 28, 2015. He added that before the property can be sold, the State needs to either accept or waive the right to buy the tract.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department is not interested in acquiring the tract due to the existing use of the property and the large purchase price. He further stated the property does not adjoin state lands and would not significantly add to the conservation or recreation needs of the State.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department recommends that the State Properties Commission decline the offer of reconveyance.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to decline the reconveyance of 25± acres from Greenwich Investors XLVII Trust 2014-1, former Youth Estate on GA Hwy 99, Glynn County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item for consideration would be the granting of a Revocable License Agreement of 0.12± acres by the State Properties Commission to Greystone Power Corporation to install and maintain an underground power line at Sweetwater Creek State Park.

Mr. Friedman stated 10 new yurts and a comfort station were constructed at Sweetwater Creek State Park. He further stated Parks requests GPC receive a revocable license agreement from the State Properties Commission to provide the facilities with power. He added since the RLA will benefit the Department, the Department recommends the State Properties Commission issue the RLA at no cost.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the granting of a Revocable License Agreement of 0.12± acres by the State Properties Commission to Greystone Power Corporation to install and maintain an underground power line at Sweetwater Creek State Park, Douglas County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.