

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

September 28, 2016

Attending:

Board Members

William Bagwell, Chairman
Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman
Bodine Sinyard, Secretary
Nancy Addison
Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert, Jr. (via conference call)
Mark Mobley
Mike Phelps
Matt Sawhill
Brother Stewart
Miki Thomaston
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests

Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Adam Dye, Georgia Department of Agriculture
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Mary Kay Woodworth, Georgia Urban Agriculture Council
Lewis Massey, Massey, Watson & Hembree
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Terry West
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Col. Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
John Martin
Doug Haymans
Jon Ambrose
Karl Burgess
Cpl. Bobby White
RFC Patrick Gibbs
Maj. Stephen Adams
Maj. Thomas Barnard
Mark Walker
Richard Dunn
Lauren Curry
Jeff Cown
Karen Hays
Doralyn Kirkland
Chuck Mueller

The September 28, 2016 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Board Chairman William Bagwell.

Chairman Bagwell stated that there would be a Committee meeting, followed by a Board meeting, followed by an Executive Session of the Land Committee.

Chairman Bagwell called on Doug Haymans to introduce the Employee Focus speaker. Mr. Haymans thanked the Chairman and introduced Paul Medders, Marine Biologist.

Chairman Bagwell thanked Mr. Medders and reminded the Board about Coast Fest this weekend.

Chairman Bagwell adjourned the Board Meeting to move into Committee meetings.

Chairman Bagwell called the meeting of the Board of Natural Resources to order.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the August Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Yancey to approve the minutes of the August Board meeting. (Minutes attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell called on Rick Dunn, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for his report.

Director Dunn updated the Board on the Small Business Compliance Advisory Council meeting, a visit to the Eagle Point solid waste landfill, a tour with the Georgia Forestry Commission, drought declaration, the pipeline leak in Alabama, and the CCR rulemaking process.

Chairman Bagwell stated that in Tab B of the Board package there is a Resolution honoring and expressing appreciation to Corporal Bobby White and requested a motion to adopt the Resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Watt, seconded by Ms. Addison to approve the resolution honoring Corporal Bobby White. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell read the resolution and thanked Corporal White for his heroic actions.

Chairman Bagwell stated that in Tab B of the Board package there is a Resolution honoring and expressing appreciation to RFC Patrick Gibbs and requested a motion to adopt the Resolution.

A motion was made by Ms. Addison, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the resolution honoring RFC Patrick Gibbs. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell read the resolution and thanked RFC Gibbs for his heroic actions.

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

Commissioner Williams updated the Board on the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies' Awards, the Governor's Law Enforcement reform package, and the Alapaha River Wildlife Management Area ribbon cutting.

Commissioner Williams called on Doug Haymans, Policy Advisor for the Coastal Resources Division, for his report.

Mr. Haymans gave an update on shrimp season, a black gill study, Coast Fest, the Georgia Climate Ready Conference, and the new license plate.

Commissioner Williams called on Dr. David Crass, Director of the Historic Preservation Division, for his report.

Director Crass updated the Board on the Statewide Historic Preservation plan, the Certified Local Government program training, Camp Lawton fieldwork, and remote sensing at the Chocolate Plantation on Sapelo Island.

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

Colonel Henderson updated the Board on boating season, dove season, life-saving awards and resolutions for Cpl. Bobby White and RFC Patrick Gibbs.

Commissioner Williams called on Rusty Garrison, Director of the Wildlife Resources Division, for his report.

Director Garrison updated the Board on the State Wildlife Action Plan, the telecheck system for deer season, upcoming facility dedications, and Weekend for Wildlife.

Chairman Bagwell called on Mr. Davis for the Land Committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Watt and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a lease with Charlton County for the Traders Hill Boat Ramp on the St. Mary's River, 3± acres, Charlton County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a lease with Charlton County for the Highway 94 Boat Ramp on the St. Mary's River, 3± acres, Charlton County. (Resolutions 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 enter into a 50 year lease agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and to enter into a sublease with the City of Hartwell or with the North Georgia Mountains Authority who will then sub-sublease to the City, 141±, Hart State Park, Hart County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval and General Assembly approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 1± acres to Georgia Power, Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area, Upson County. (Resolution 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 and General Assembly approval to demolish an old school via Executive Order, A. H. Stephens State Park, Taliaferro County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

William A. Bagwell, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Bodine Sinyard, Secretary