

Minutes

Coastal Committee

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E.
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August 26, 2014

Attending:

Committee Members

Nancy Addison, Chairman
Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman
Walter Hudson
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Phyllis Johnson
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Mike Phelps
Dee Yancey
Philip Wilheit, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell
Dwight Davis, via telephone
Dwight Evans
Ray Lambert
Mark Mobley
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Philip Watt

Visitors

Doug Cloud, Kazmarek Mowrey Cloud Laseter LLP
Dan Grogran, Georgia Brownfield Association
Michael Pisciotta, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Debra Elorich, State Properties Commission
Paul Melvin, GBA
Debbie Phillips, GIEC
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company
David Word, JTA
Leah Barnett, Georgia Conservancy
Harriet Langford, Ray C. Anderson Foundation

Staff Members

Mark Williams
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Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Mary Kathryn Yearta
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Kyle Pearson
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Mary Walker
Russ Pennington
Doralyn Kirkland
Chris Hodge
John Bowers
John Biagi
Jeff Cown
Jac Capp
Jeff Weaver
Mike Long
Terry West
Jim Laine
John Martin
Doug Haymans
Bill Donohue
Michael Chadwell
Stephanie Farmer
Kevin Lowery
Al Greer
Dominic Guadagnoli
Kelly Dudley
Jennifer Welte

Gordon Rogers, Flint Riverkeepers
Todd Hollbrook, Georgia Wildlife Federation
Jeffrey Harrey, Georgia Farm Bureau
Allie Kelly, Georgia Conservancy
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia
Ben Stowers, Georgia Natural Resources Foundation
Holly Hill, Georgia Brownfield Association

The August 26, 2014 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Chairman Philip Wilheit.

Chairman Wilheit called on Nancy Addison, Chairman of the Coastal Committee, who called on Spud Woodward, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, to present the proposed amendments to the Coastal Incentive Grant Program.

Director Woodward stated Georgia receives funds from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to fund the Georgia Coastal Management Program. He further stated the Georgia Coastal Management Program allocates a portion of its federal funding for Coastal Incentive Grants (CIG) to eligible county and municipal governments, regional commissions, state-affiliated research or educational institutions, or state agencies.

Director Woodward stated the CRD staff works with the Coastal Advisory Council to determine funding themes for the grant. He further stated the 2015-2016 funding themes are “Oceans and Wetlands,” “Sustainable Communities,” “Disaster Resiliency and Coastal Hazards,” and “Public Access and Land Conservation.”

Director Woodward stated anticipated available funding for Cycle 18 is estimated at \$800,000. He further stated there are currently six carry-over projects for \$300,000, which leaves \$500,000 available for new projects.

Director Woodward stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. McWhorter and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Coastal Incentive Grant Program, Chapter 391-2-5-.01 through 391-2-5-.18, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.