

**Minutes**  
**Land Acquisition Committee**

Jekyll Island Club Hotel  
Club Ballroom  
371 Riverview Drive  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

**September 24, 2013**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

William Bagwell, Chairman  
Mark Mobley, Vice Chairman  
Dwight Davis  
Duncan Johnson  
Bill Jones  
Mike Phelps  
Philip Watt  
Philip Wilheit  
Dee Yancey  
Rob Leebern, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison  
Phyllis Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Aaron McWhorter  
Paul Shailendra  
Bodine Sinyard  
Mark Smith

Visitors

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Jon D. Johnston, EPA  
Lynn Smith, Georgia House of Representatives  
Lynne Riley, Georgia House of Representatives  
Buddy Harden, Georgia House of Representatives  
Bob Hanner, GSWCC  
Jeffrey Harvey, Farm Bureau  
Alice M. Keyes, One Hundred Miles  
Robby Arrington, Altamaha Riverkeeper  
Sonny Timmerman, CMPC  
Ashby Nix, Satilla Riverkeeper  
Megan Desrosiers, One Hundred Miles  
Harry Geisinger, Georgia House of Representatives

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Jud Turner  
Homer Bryson  
Spud Woodward  
Dave Crass  
Dan Forster  
Becky Kelley  
Eddie Henderson  
Steve Friedman  
Kyle Pearson  
Lauren Curry  
Zachary Harris  
Cathy Barnette  
Taylor Brown  
Jeff Weaver  
Chris Hodge  
Wayne Hubbard  
Mary Walker  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Lisia Kowalczyk  
Karl Burgess  
LuAnn Mutzabaugh  
Will Ricks  
Bert Denner  
Brandon Baker  
Bryant Bowen  
Tim Bonvechio  
Mark Carson  
Doug Haymans  
Brad Gane  
Buck Bennett  
Shawn Jordan  
Terry Throwbridge  
Joe Bradford

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Chuck Williams, Georgia House of Representatives  
Sally Clark, Georgia Chamber  
Michelle Sloan, Georgia House of Representatives  
Buck Dixon, Georgia House of Representatives  
Ben Stowers, Georgia Natural Resources Foundation  
Stan Humphries, CMPC  
Rick Gardner, CMPC  
Bob Beal, ASMFC

Steven Smith  
Bill Jiles  
Travis Griffin  
Bryan Gray

The September 24, 2013 meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on William Bagwell, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item for consideration would require three motions.

Mr. Friedman stated the 156.7± acre tract from F&M Bank, the 767± acre tract from The Olin Wooten Trusts, and the 470± acre tract from Lewis P. Brown will all become part of the Oconee Wildlife Management Area. He further stated this totals to 1,393± acres.

Mr. Friedman stated the Oconee W.M.A. is known as one of the best places in the state for hunting deer and turkey.

Mr. Friedman stated the Wooten Tract has a barn located on the property. He further stated the Department is in discussion with Greene County to manage and upkeep the facility. He added DNR would use the barn for storage.

Mr. Friedman stated in total the three tracts purchase price would be \$3,102,575. He further stated the funding would come from DNR Bond 126.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Yancey 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 acquisition (purchase) of 156.7± acres of real property, Oconee Wildlife Management Area (W.M.A.), F & M Bank Tract, Greene County, as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Yancey 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 acquisition (purchase) of 767± acres of real property, Oconee Wildlife Management Area (W.M.A.), Wooten Tract, Greene and Hancock Counties, as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Johnson 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 acquisition (purchase) of 470± acres of real property, Oconee Wildlife Management Area (W.M.A.), Brown Tract, Greene County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item would be a briefing on the acquisition (purchase) of 2,010± acres of real property, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area (W.M.A.), Ironstob Tract Phase I, Polk and Paulding Counties.

Mr. Friedman stated he hoped to bring this item back to the Board for consideration at the October Board meeting or special session. He further stated the Department is now seeking additional funding for this project.

Mr. Friedman stated Paulding Forest W.M.A. is an extremely popular area for recreation, hunting, fishing, and hiking.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.