

Minutes
Land Acquisition Committee
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

March 24, 2014

Attending:

Committee Members

William Bagwell, Chairman
Dwight Evans
Walter Hudson
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Paul Shailendra
Dee Yancey
Philip Wilheit, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Phyllis Johnson
Ray Lambert
Aaron McWhorter
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart

Visitors

Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of GA
Michael Pisciotta, GA Agribusiness Council
Andrew Schock, TCF
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner and Associates
Hunter Hopkins, GA Petroleum Council
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Leah Barnett, GA Conservancy
John Eberhart, GA Earth Alliance
Buck Dixon, Georgia House of Representatives

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Zachary Harris
Lauren Curry
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Russ Pennington
Doralyn Kirkland
Mary Walker
Keith Bentley
John Bowers
Jeff Cown
Antoinette Norfleet
Mike Harris
John Bowers
Sam O'Neal

The March 24, 2014 meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by Chairman Philip Wilheit.

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

Mr. Friedman stated the he would be presenting Agenda Items A-F together and making one recommendation for all six items. He further stated each acquisition would buffer the Robins Air Force Base. He added each tract would be acquired with DNR Bond 123.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item was the acquisition of 0.34± acres at 1107 Southern Avenue, Houston County. He further stated the purchase price of the tract is \$27,000. He added the property contains a small house which will be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the second item was the acquisition of 0.27± acres at 104 Cranford Street Houston County. He further stated the purchase price of the tract is \$45,000. He added the property contains a small house which will be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the third item was the acquisition of 0.35± acres at 303 Melvin Street, Houston County. He further stated the purchase price of the tract is \$26,000. He added the property contains a small house which will be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the fourth item was the acquisition of 0.26± acres at 102 Cranford Street, Houston County. He further stated the purchase price of the tract is \$46,000. He added the property contains a small house which will be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the fifth item was the acquisition of 0.27± acres at 872 Oak Avenue, Houston County. He further stated the purchase price of the tract is \$2,700. He added there may an encroachment on this tract.

Mr. Friedman stated the sixth item was the acquisition of 0.51± acres at 305 North Paul Street, Houston County. He further stated the purchase price of the tract is \$40,000. He added the property contains a small house which will be removed.

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

Mr. Sinyard asked how many parcels still remained to be purchased in this project and if there was a timeline for completion of this project.

Mr. Friedman stated he believes this will take the rest of this year and possibly into 2015. He further stated one tract has been closed on and a total of twelve tracts have been presented to the Board so far. He added he plans to present five in April.

Mr. Sinyard asked Mr. Friedman to explain the process of handling property owners that are not willing to sell.

Mr. Friedman stated DNR is only working with willing sellers.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, 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 to acquire (purchase) 0.34± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 1107 Southern Avenue, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.27± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 104 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.35± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 303 Melvin Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.26± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project 102 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.27± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 872 Oak Avenue, Houston County, as presented; and the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.51± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 305 North Paul Street, Houston County, as presented.

Chairman Bagwell stated Mr. Stewart has abstained from the discussion of Agenda Items A-F. He further stated Mr. Stewart is not on the Committee to vote.

Mr. Friedman gave an informational presentation on the Department's Land Conservation Priorities including information on the six priority areas included in the State Wildlife Action Plan. He further stated the presentation was to follow up a request from several Board members from the December 2013 Board meeting.

Mr. McWhorter thanked Mr. Friedman for presenting this information.

Mr. Jones asked if he could receive a detailed map of each coastal county.

Mr. Friedman stated the Real Estate Office would share this information with the Board.

Discussion ensued on state and federal tax credits.

Chairman Bagwell encouraged the members of the Board to talk with Mr. Friedman about any questions they have concerning land acquisition.

Chairman Bagwell stated that it had been noticed on the agenda that the Land Acquisition Committee would hold an Executive Session at the conclusion of the public meeting, and he invited all Board Members to attend.

A motion was made by Chairman Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously by Mr. Evans, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Leebern, and Mr. Shailendra that the Land Acquisition Committee go into Executive Session in accordance with the O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(B), in order to discuss the authorization of negotiations to purchase property. (Affidavit attached hereto and made a part hereof)