

Minutes
Land Acquisition Committee
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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May 20, 2014

Attending:

Committee Members

William Bagwell, Chairman
Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
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
Mark Mobley
Brother Stewart
Philip Watt

Visitors

Brant Lane, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry and Tribble
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry and Tribble
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Leah Barnett, Georgia Conservancy
Michael Snipes, Georgia SWANA
David Word, Joe Tanner and Associates
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner and Associates
Jeffrey Harvey, Georgia Farm Bureau
Sally Kilpatrick, Georgia Chamber
Allie Kelly, Georgia Conservancy
Abby Goldsmith, Goldsmith Resources
Gloria Hardegree, Georgia Recycling Coalition
Lauren Curry, Georgia Emergency Management Agency
Lonice Barrett

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Zachary Harris
Mary Walker
Doralyn Kirkland
Russ Pennington
Keith Bentley
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
John Bowers
Doug Haymans
Mark Whitney
Wally Woods
Audra Dickson
Jennifer Welte
John Martin
John Biagi
Michael Chadwell

The May 20, 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 first item for the Committee's consideration would be the approval for the Lee family to donate up to 1± acre of real property for the Lee Road access easement to the State in exchange for conveying 0.7± acres of real property from an unused section of the Lee Road access easement to the Lee family at the Sheffield Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

Mr. Friedman stated the Department currently uses Lee Road, which crosses the Lee family land and Jones Company land, to access the WMA. He further stated the culvert on Lee Road needs to be replaced. He added the proposal is to construct a new road and bridge on the Lee's property next to the existing road, and then remove the original road and restore it.

Mr. Friedman stated there will be no cost to the Department. He further stated the removal of the culvert will aid fish passage along Pegamore Creek.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, 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 Lee family to donate up to 1± acres of real property for the Lee Road access easement to the State in exchange for the State conveying 0.7± acres of real property from an unused section of the Lee Road access easement to the Lee family, Sheffield Wildlife Management Area, Paulding County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration would be the approval to amend the restrictive easement with the United States of America (Department of the Navy) over 4,162± acres, Altamaha River-Townsend Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Friedman stated the restrictive easement needs to be amended to improve management of the tract and allow for a larger show/check station. He further stated the Department is requesting a larger show/check station with open covered storage, work bays and concrete parking pads. He added that in exchange for this larger footprint, the Department is giving up the primitive campground, which is not needed since there are plenty of other camping opportunities available on the WMA.

Mr. Friedman stated the Navy has approved the restrictive easement amendment.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek

State Properties Commission approval for an Amendment to Restrictive Easement with the United States of America (Department of the Navy) over 4,162± acres, Altamaha River-Townsend Wildlife Management Area, Fort Barrington Tract, McIntosh County, as presented.

Mr. Freidman stated the next item would be the acquisition (donation) of a permanent access easement of 2.4± acres, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, Elrod Access Easement, Paulding County.

Mr. Friedman stated in December 2013, the Department purchased the Ironstob Stage I Tract of the Paulding Forest WMA. He further stated Department personnel are in need of access points to the western portion of the WMA to manage the property. He added the adjacent property owner, Samuel L. Elrod, agreed to allow the Department access to the Paulding Forest WMA across 2.4± acres by a perpetual access easement.

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. Yancey 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 (donate) a permanent access easement of 2.4± acres, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, Elrod Access Easement, Paulding County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration would be the approval to enter into a ten-year Intergovernmental Agreement between Walker County and the Department for management of 1± acres at Crockford-Pigeon WMA.

Mr. Friedman stated the Crockford-Pigeon Wildlife Management Area contains a 1± acres area known as the Spring Barn. He further stated Walker County maintains numerous buildings around the Spring Barn such as Mountain Cover Restaurant and Mountain Cove Store. He added Walker County and the Department have agreed on an IGA which would grant the County use of the barn to provide public access, storage, and allow the County to restore, repair and maintain the Spring Barn.

Mr. Friedman stated there would be no cost to the Department and the IGA would be beneficial to the public.

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

Mr. Bagwell encouraged all Board members to visit this property.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, 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 to enter into a ten-year Intergovernmental Agreement between Walker County and the Department for management of 1± acres, Crockford-Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Spring Barn Area, Walker County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated he would be presenting Items E, F, and G together as they were all part of the Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project. He further stated that all purchases would be funded by DNR Bond 123.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item would be the acquisition (purchase) of 0.61± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 816 Pine Street, Houston County. He further stated the purchase price was \$42,000. He added the property contained a small house which would be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item would be the acquisition (purchase) of 0.72± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 771 Walnut Street, Houston County. He further stated the purchase price was \$40,000. He added the property contained a small house which would be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item would be the acquisition (purchase) of 0.67± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 10111 Hawkinsville Road (D), Houston County. He further stated the purchase price was \$29,000. He added the property contained a small house which would be removed.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Leebern 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) 0.61± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 816 Pine Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.72± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 771 Walnut Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.67± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 10111 Hawkinsville Road (D), Houston County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.