

Minutes

Land Committee

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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June 23, 2015

Attending:

Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Chairman
Mark Mobley, Vice Chairman
William Bagwell
Dwight Evans
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Paul Shailendra
Ray Lambert, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Aaron McWhorter
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Philip Watt, via telephone
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Doug Niell, Georgia Chamber
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Kevin Jeselnik, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Jennette Gayer, Environment Georgia
Richard Sykes, Environment Georgia
Scott Thomson, AMEC Foster Wheeler
Catherine Fleming, Georgia Municipal Association
Thomas Beusse, Georgia Chemistry Council
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power
David Word, Joe Tanner and Associates
Matthew Smith, Georgia Farm Bureau
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Dave Crass
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Mary Kathryn Yearata
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Tina Brunjes
Zachary Harris
Mary Walker
Doralyn Kirkland
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Wally Woods
John Bowers
Karen Hays
Mark Whitney
Terry West
Mallory Barfield
Kim Lampkins
Beverly Terrell

The June 23, 2015 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Land Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item for consideration would be the acquisition of 4,103± acres of real property, Altamaha Wildlife Management Area, Altama Tract.

Mr. Friedman stated acquiring the Altama Tract will permanently preserve 4,103± acres for the Altamaha Wildlife Management Area. He further stated the tract is home to a vast ecosystem of plant and animal life, which includes the longleaf pine and gopher tortoise.

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

Discussion ensued concerning the importance of the Altama Tract.

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Mobley 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) 4,103± acres of real property, Altamaha Wildlife Management Area, Altama Tract, Glynn County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the Items B-F were all part of the Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project in Houston County. He further stated all acquisitions would be funded by DNR Bond 123.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item would be the acquisition of 0.24± acres of real property at 107 Cranford Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$2,400 and the lot was vacant.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item would be the acquisition of 0.24± acres of real property at 109 Cranford Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$2,400 and the lot was vacant.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item would be the acquisition of 0.29± acres of real property at 106 Cranford Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$45,800 and the property contained a house which would be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item would be the acquisition of 0.31± acres of real property at 102 North Paul Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$5,100 and the property contained a house which would be removed.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item would be the acquisition of 0.47± acres of real property at 204 North Paul Street. He further stated the purchase price was \$4,500 and the property contained a house which would be removed.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, seconded by Mr. Bagwell 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) 0.24± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 107 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.24± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 109 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.29± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Project, 106 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.31± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 102 North Paul Street, Houston County, as presented; and the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.47± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 204 North Paul Street, Houston County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration would be the approval to decline the reconveyance of 25± acres from Greenwich Investors XLVII Trust 2014-1, Former Youth Estate on GA in Glynn County.

Mr. Friedman stated this tract was formerly known as the Youth Estate, which promoted positive behavioral changes for children and families. He further stated the Department received an offer of reconveyance from Greenwich expressing their interest in selling the property to another party on April 28, 2015. He added that before the property can be sold, the State needs to either accept or waive the right to buy the tract.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department is not interested in acquiring the tract due to the existing use of the property and the large purchase price. He further stated the property does not adjoin state lands and would not significantly add to the conservation or recreation needs of the State.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department recommends that the State Properties Commission decline the offer of reconveyance.

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. Bagwell and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to decline the reconveyance of 25± acres from Greenwich Investors XLVII Trust 2014-1, former Youth Estate on GA Hwy 99, Glynn County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item for consideration would be the granting of a Revocable License Agreement of 0.12± acres by the State Properties Commission to Greystone Power Corporation to install and maintain an underground power line at Sweetwater Creek State Park.

Mr. Friedman stated 10 new yurts and a comfort station were constructed at Sweetwater Creek State Park. He further stated Parks requests GPC receive a revocable license agreement form the State Properties Commission to provide the facilities with power. He added since the RLA will benefit the Department, the Department recommends the State Properties Commission issue the RLA at no cost.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, 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 for the granting of a Revocable License Agreement of 0.12± acres by the State Properties Commission to Greystone Power Corporation to install and maintain an underground power line at Sweetwater Creek State Park, Douglas County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.