

Minutes

Land Committee

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

February 24, 2016

Attending:

Committee Members

Paul Shailendra, Chairman
Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman
Dwight Evans
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert, Jr.
Mark Mobley
Mike Phelps
William Bagwell, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Phyllis Johnson
Matt Sawhill
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Philip Watt (via conference call)
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests

Ross Smith, PotashCorp/PCS Nitrogen
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner and Associates
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Mary Kathryn Yearata
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Steve Friedman
Eddie Henderson
Spud Woodward
Terry West
Jud Turner
Mary Walker
Jeff Cown
Chuck Mueller
Doralyn Kirkland
Karen Hays
Jenifer Wisniewski
Robin Hill
Wally Woods
Ellen Graham
John Martin
Bill Donohue
Mike Burgamy

The February 24, 2016 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by William Bagwell, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Bagwell called on Paul Shailendra, Chairman of the Land Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item A was seeking approval to enter into a no-cost 25 year lease with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for 1,938± acres at Mistletoe State Park in Columbia County. He further stated that this is a renewal of the original lease from May 15, 1965 to May 14, 2015. He added that the new lease would begin retroactive to May 15, 2015 and it will continue until May 14, 2040.

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. Davis 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 25 year lease agreement for 1.938± acres of real property with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Mistletoe State Park, Columbia County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item B was seeking approval to enter into a no-cost 25 year lease with the United States Army Corps of Engineers for 447± acres at Elijah Clark State Park in Lincoln County. He further stated that this is a renewal of the original lease that was signed on April 14, 1965 and that expired on April 14, 2015. He added that the new lease would begin retroactive to December 28, 2015 and will continue until December 27, 2040.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, 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 to enter into a 25 year lease agreement for 447± acres of real property with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Elijah Clark State Park, Lincoln County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item C was seeking approval to enter into a no-cost 25 year lease with Barrow County for 103± acres at Fort Yargo State Park. He further stated that Fort Yargo State Park is 1,813 acres. He added that in 1970 we leased 49 acres of the park to the county and that the lease was amended twice in 1994 and 1998 to 66 acres in total. He added that the county was using that land to operate baseball fields so the county has requested that we add 37 more acres to expand the ball fields, bringing the total acreage to 103 acres.

Mr. Friedman stated that based on approval from the State Properties Commission, the lease for all 103 acres would begin on July 1, 2016 and end on July 1, 2041. He further stated that this property is

Heritage Preserve designated but public recreation is one of the primary uses so this is not considered a change of use.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, 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 25 year lease agreement with Barrow County for 103± acres of real property, Fort Yargo State Park, Barrow County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item D would include the granting of a revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.03± acres of the Chattahoochee Fall Line Wildlife Management Area in Marion County by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Flint Energies. He further stated that the Wildlife Resources Division is constructing a maintenance shed on this WMA and Flint Energies will provide the power. He added that since this is to the benefit of the department that this be granted 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. Phelps, 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 and Georgia Assembly approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.03± acres to Flint Energies, Chattahoochee Fall Line Wildlife Management Area, Marion County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.