

Minutes

Land Committee

2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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March 29, 2016

Attending:

Committee Members

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

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Aaron McWhorter
Matt Sawhill
Bodine Sinyard
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests

Mark Smith, Water Utility Management
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ross M. Smith, PotashCorp – PCS Nitrogen
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Russ Pennington, Pennington Consulting Services
Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner and Associates
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
R. Jackson, GreenLaw
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Mary Kathryn Yeara
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Mark Whitney
Jenifer Wisniewski
John Bowers
Steve Friedman
Eddie Henderson
Thomas Barnard
Corporal Mitch Oliver
Terry West
Mary Walker
Jeff Cown
Chuck Mueller
Doralyn Kirkland
Karen Hays
Jac Capp
Kenneth Monroe Craig
Greg Haussmann
Michael David Smith
John Erbele

The March 29, 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 the first project is recommending to amend a 50 year intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with White County for the Unicoi State Park: Camp Appalachian Wilderness tract. He further stated that in 2012, the Board authorized us to allow State Properties Commission to sell 27± acres at Camp Appalachian Wilderness and in 2013, DNR entered into an IGA with White County to manage the entire property, which with the 27± acres is about 1,028± acres. He added that they were going to manage it for recreational purposes and county meeting spaces.

Mr. Friedman stated that this property includes a number of buildings. He further stated that the State Properties Commission has not sold that property and the recommendation today is that the 27± acres would come back to DNR and instead be amended into the existing IGA with White County which would allow them to build a fire station on the property. He added that the fire station will benefit DNR in a lot of ways: It will improve emergency response to Smithgall Woods State Park, Hardman Farm Historic Site, and the Chattahoochee Wildlife Management Area.

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 approval to amend the 50 year intergovernmental agreement for the former Unicoi State Park: Camp Appalachian Wilderness, White County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would present items B and C together with two separate motions. He further stated that these are 25 year lease agreements with Georgia Power; the first is over 65± acres going through the Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area and the second is 8.5± acres going through the Sheffield Wildlife Management Area. He added that these two tracts will be operated as part of the Wildlife Management Area for recreation and conservation and incorporating them into the WMA will improve the public's experience on these properties.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, 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 enter into a 25 year lease agreement to acquire 65± acres from

the Georgia Power Company, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, Paulding County, as presented.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Lambert 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 to acquire 8.5± acres from the Georgia Power Company, Sheffield Wildlife Management Area, Paulding County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would present items D and E together with two separate motions. He further stated that these are recommendations to enter into two subgrant agreements with the Civil War Trust and the Georgia Piedmont Land Trust to allow the Civil War Trust to acquire two Civil War battlefield properties. He added that the first property is the 30.9± acres known as the Nance Tract in Catoosa County and the grant amount is \$103,332 which the Civil War Trust must match equally.

Mr. Friedman stated the next tract is the Rocky Face Ridge Tract in Whitefield County, which is 308.46± acres and has a grant amount of \$703,060 which must also be matched one-for-one. He further stated that this tract is protecting the site of the first battle of the Atlanta Campaign. He added that on behalf of the Civil War Trust, we submitted these two grants to the American Battlefields Protection Program which is funded through the National Parks Service and both of these tracts were awarded the grants.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Phelps and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to subgrant a Civil War Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant from the National Park Service to the Civil War Trust to allow the Civil War Trust to purchase and donate a conservation easement over the 30.9± acres, Nance Tract, Catoosa County, as presented.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, 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 subgrant a Civil War Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant from the National Park Service to the Civil War Trust to allow the Civil War Trust to purchase and donate a conservation easement over the 308.46± acres, Rocky Face Ridge Tract, Whitefield County, as presented.

Mr. Shailendra requested that the Land Committee make a motion to enter into an Executive Session at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously by Mr. Shailendra, Mr. Davis, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Leebern, and Mr. Phelps that the Land 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)

At the conclusion of the Executive Session of the Land Committee, Chairman Bagwell adjourned the Land Committee meeting.