

**Minutes**  
**Land Committee**  
Amicalola Falls Lodge  
Oak Hall Ballroom  
418 Amicalola Falls Lodge Road  
Dawsonville, GA 30534

**May 24, 2016**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman  
Dwight Evans  
Bill Jones  
Ray Lambert, Jr.  
Rob Leebern (via conference call)  
Mark Mobley (via conference call)  
Mike Phelps  
William Bagwell, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison  
Aaron McWhorter  
Matt Sawhill  
Bodine Sinyard  
Brother Stewart  
Philip Wilheit  
Dee Yancey

Guests

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation  
Tommy Suter, Novartis  
Catherine Fleming, Georgia Municipal Association

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson  
Wes Robinson  
Terry West  
Cathy Barnette  
Taylor Brown  
Melanie Johnson  
Dave Crass  
Dan Forster  
Becky Kelley  
Steve Friedman  
Eddie Henderson  
Cpl. Anne Britt  
Cpl. Brian Hobbins  
Spud Woodward  
John Bowers  
John Martin  
Jud Turner  
Mary Walker  
Chuck Mueller  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Jac Capp  
Jeff Cown  
Bill Donohue  
John Erbele

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

Mr. Friedman stated that Item A is the acquisition of 117± acres in Rockdale and DeKalb Counties from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) as part of Panola Mountain State Park. He further stated that we have managed these lands under a memorandum of agreement (MOA) since 2008. He added that there are two lakes on this property; one on DNR property and one on GDOT property.

Mr. Friedman stated that since GDOT has decided not to pursue the stream mitigation plan, they have agreed to quit claim the property to DNR if DNR will provide the funding to repair both the dam on our property and the dam on GDOT property. He further stated that we do have bond money to repair both dams.

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

Mr. Sinyard asked for the value of the property and the cost to repair the dams.

Mr. Friedman stated that we did not do an appraisal for the property. He further stated that the cost to repair the dams is unknown because the project has not gone out to bid.

A motion was made by Mr. Phelps, 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 acquire 117± acres from the Georgia Department of Transportation, Panola Mountain State Park, Rockdale and DeKalb Counties, as presented.

Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Phelps would recuse himself from the next action item.

Mr. Friedman stated that the next item is seeking approval to amend an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Gwinnett County. Mr. Friedman further stated that this is tied to an item the Board saw in January of this year to exchange 3.696± acres of state land for the same amount of acres that would come from the Bowen family. He added that each tract is valued at \$300,000, but the tract coming to the DNR is considered more valuable because it will provide more protection for the Chattahoochee River, which is why the property was acquired to begin with.

Mr. Friedman stated that the tract that we are exchanging is part of a 51± acre tract acquired in 2001. He further stated that in 2003, we entered into a 50 year IGA with Gwinnett County to manage all of the land and to make it available for public recreation. He added that in April of 2016, Gwinnett County agreed to amend the IGA to reflect the acreage exchange.

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. 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 amend the Intergovernmental Agreement with Gwinnett County due to a land exchange, Chattahoochee River-Gwinnett River Care, 3.696± acres, as presented

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.