

Minutes

Land Committee

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

June 28, 2016

Attending:

Committee Members

Paul Shailendra, Chairman
Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman (via conference call)
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
Brother Stewart
Miki Thomaston
Philip Wilheit

Guests

Don Rapier, Environment Georgia
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Jodi Killen, Devils Backbone Hunting Club
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Ross Smith, Potash Corp
Dink NeSmith, the Press-Sentinel
Grant Coyle, GSU
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
David Word, Joe Tanner and Associates
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Truitt Eavenson, Georgia Power
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner and Associates
Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power
Ryan Gesser, Georgia Pacific
Lewis Massey, Massey, Watson and Hembree

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
John Biagi
John Bowers
Steve Friedman
Eddie Henderson
Wayne Hubbard
Spud Woodward
Terry West
Richard Dunn
Jeff Cown
Chuck Mueller
Doralyn Kirkland
Karen Hays
Bert Langley

Russ Pennington, MWC
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council

The June 28, 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 action item includes 3 acquisitions: (Item A) Acquisition of 2,732± acre Alexander Tract, (Item B) Acquisition of 468± acre CatchMark Tract, (Item C) Acquisition of 233± Beasley Tract; all of which will add to the Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area. He further stated that these acquisitions will greatly benefit access and management. He added that these tracts will better hunting, fishing, and hiking opportunities in addition to helping preserve longleaf pine. He added that the total cost for these purchases is \$5,417,324.

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

Mr. Shailendra called on the guest speaker.

Mr. Jodi Killen, Devil's Backbone Hunting Club, spoke in opposition of the acquisition due to the tight timeframe.

Mr. Friedman stated that he is committed to working with Mr. Killen to find a good solution.

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 purchase the 2,732± acres of real property, Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area, Alexander Tracts, Meriwether and Talbot Counties, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the 468± acres of real property, Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area, CatchMark Tract, Meriwether County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the 233± acres of real property, Sprewell Bluff Wildlife Management Area, Beasley Tract, Meriwether County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would also present the next three items together and ask for one single motion. He further stated that these are each tracts to buffer the Robins Air Force Base. He added that Bond 120 would pay for all of them.

Mr. Friedman stated that all buildings will be removed and that HPD has determined that none of the buildings have any historical significance. The three items are as follows: (Item D) Acquisition of .24± acres at 105 Cranford Street in Houston County, (Item E) Acquisition of .35± acres at 111 Bargain Road in Houston County, and (Item F) Acquisition of .29± acres at 110 Cranford Street in Houston County.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the items 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 purchase the .24± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 105 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .35± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 111 Bargain Road, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .29± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 110 Cranford Street, Houston County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that the last item is a proposal to enter into a 25 year no-cost subeasement with the City of Hiawassee to construct and operate the Mayor's Park Boat Ramp over about 1.564± acres in Towns County. He further stated that the plan is to construct a 30 feet boat ramp and provide 15 to 20 parking spaces. He added that the estimated cost is \$117,000.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the items 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 enter into a subeasement with the City of Hiawassee to construct and operate the Mayor's Park Boat Ramp, 1.564± acres, Towns County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.