

Minutes

Land Committee

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

August 30, 2016

Attending:

Committee Members

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

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Aaron McWhorter
Matt Sawhill
Bodine Sinyard
Miki Thomaston
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit

Guests

Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner and Associates
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Andrew Schock, TCF
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy
Robert Ramsay, Georgia Conservancy
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance
Carolyn Pait, Oglethorpe Power Corporation

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Terry West
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Col. Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
John Biagi
John Bowers
Karl Burgess
Lt. Wayne Hubbard
Capt. Johnny Johnson
Capt. Bob Lynn
Jan McKinnon
Maj. Stephen Adams
Lt. Col. Jeff Weaver
Antoinette Norfleet
Mark Walker
Richard Dunn
Lauren Curry
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Doralyn Kirkland
Dika Kuoh
Chuck Mueller

The August 30, 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 the first two items will be presented together and one motion will be requested. He further stated that Items A and B are proposals to extend two boat ramp leases along the Savannah River with Screven County. He added that these are no-cost leases for 25 years.

Mr. Friedman stated that the Item A is a 1.04± acres tract; the Blue Springs Boat Ramp on the Savannah River. He further stated that Item B is a 2.35± acres tract; the Poor Robin Boat Ramp on the Savannah River.

Mr. McWhorter asked why Screven County isn't responsible for running the Boat Ramps.

Mr. Friedman stated that Screven County maintains the ramps, we just need Board approval to construct the ramps.

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. Jones 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 lease with Screven County for the Blue Springs Boat Ramp on the Savannah River, 1.04± acres, Screven County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a lease with Screven County for the Poor Robin Boat Ramp on the Savannah River, 2.35± acres, Screven County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item C is a project that seeks to enter into a 30 year lease with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) over the 142± acre Stephen C. Foster State Park in Charlton County. He further stated that this is a no-cost renewal lease that was originally signed in 1965 and it expires this year. Mr. Friedman added that he requests the Committee recommend the Board approve the items as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Jones 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 30 year lease agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 142±, Stephen C. Foster State Park, Charlton County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item D is seeking approval to grant Walton EMC a removable license agreement and permanent easement of 0.08± acres at the Law Enforcement Maintenance and Storage

Building being constructed in Walton County. He further stated that this property is Heritage Preserve designated, but this is not considered a change of use because it supports wildlife-related programs. He added that the recommendation is that the easement be added at no-cost.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, 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 and General Assembly approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.08± acres to Walton EMC, Wildlife Resources Headquarters: Law Enforcement Division Maintenance and Storage Building, Walton County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would present the next four items (E-H) 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 E) Acquisition of .67± acres at 1102 Georgia Avenue in Houston County, (Item F) Acquisition of .34± acres at 1010 Georgia Avenue in Houston County, (Item G) Acquisition of .34± acres at 1100 Georgia Avenue in Houston County, and (Item H) Acquisition of .34± acres at 1008 Georgia Avenue 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. Shailendra, 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 .67± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 1102 Georgia Avenue, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .34± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 1010 Georgia Avenue, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .34± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 1100 Georgia Avenue, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .34± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 1008 Georgia Avenue, Houston County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.