

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

October 28, 2014

Attending:

Committee Members

Philip Watt, Chairman
Duncan Johnson, Jr., Vice Chairman
William Bagwell
Walter Hudson
Rob Leebern
Mark Mobley
Bodine Sinyard
Philip Wilheit, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
Phyllis Johnson
Ray Lambert
Aaron McWhorter
Paul Shailendra
Brother Stewart
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Phil Zinsmeister, Sierra Club
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund
Brant Lane, HHNT
Rosa Chi, Georgia Power Company
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company
Walter Jones, Morris News
Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner and Associates
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Michael Pisciotta, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Amanda Carroll, GEFA
Leigh Elkins, Carl Vinson Institute/UGA
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance
Sally Kilpatrick, Georgia Chamber

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Dave Crass
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Mary Kathryn Yearta
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Mary Walker
Russ Pennington
Doralyn Kirkland
Doug Haymans
John Bowers
Stephen Adams
Mike England
Keith Bentley
Jeff Cown
Bert Langley
Mark Whitney
Terry West
John Martin
Jeff Weaver
DeLana Powell
Hugh Sledge
Michael Chadwell
Chuck Mueller
Emily Bennett
Travis Cartoski
Jennifer Welte
Joel Mims

Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coaliton

Matthew Smith, Georgia Farm Bureau

Leah Barnette, Georgia Conservancy

Vince Dooley

The October 28, 2014 meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee was called to order by Chairman Philip Wilheit.

Chairman Wilheit called on Dr. Philip Watt, Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee.

Chairman Watt called on Major Stephen Adams who briefed the committee on DNR's All Disaster Response Manual.

Major Adams stated DNR has unique equipment, facilities and employees with skill sets that can cooperatively work with other state agencies in support of local governments when disasters strike. He further stated the Disaster Response Manual was revised in 2014 by multi-divisional employees and encompasses all DNR response capabilities. He added the manual contents include deployment procedures, role of the Law Enforcement Division, roles of the Wildlife Resources Division and Parks Division, and the DNR Hurricane Plan.

Chairman Watt called on Captain Mike England who briefed the committee on the Boating Violator Compact.

Captain England stated the Boating Violator Compact is a voluntary interstate agreement which provides participating states with a mechanism to participate in a reciprocal program to promote compliance with the statutes, laws, administrative rules and regulations relating to boating safety in their respective states and provide for the fair and impartial treatment of boating violators within the participating states.

Captain England stated the Boating Compact parallels the process related to Driver's License Compact and suspensions pursuant to Title 40 and the Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact pursuant to Title 27. He further stated HB 777 was passed in the 2014 legislative session which enacts the Interstate Boating Violator Compact. He added HB 777 was signed into law by Governor Deal on April 23, 2014.

Captain England stated three public meetings will be held in November and all written submissions must be postmarked by November 28, 2014. He further stated LED anticipates presenting the proposed rule to the full Board in January 2015.

Mr. Johnson stated the people of Augusta were thankful for this compact and thanked Captain England for his work on this rule.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.