

**Minutes**

**Coastal Committee**

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

**December 6, 2011**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Phyllis Johnson, Chairman  
Mabel Jenkins, Vice Chairman  
Duncan Johnson  
Rob Leebern  
Mark Smith  
Loyce Turner  
Philip Wilheit  
Jim Walters  
Earl Barrs, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Dennis Billew  
Warren Budd  
Bill Carruth  
Walter Hudson  
Ray Lambert  
Steven Woodruff

Visitors

State Senator Donzella James, District 35  
Debra Jones-Bazemore, Senator Donzella James' Assistant  
Pamela Flores, Raccoon Hogg Community Development Corporation  
Al Bartell, Raccoon Hogg Community Development Corporation  
Alex Henderson, Raccoon Hogg Community Development Corporation  
Diana Wedincamp, Ogeechee RiverKeeper  
Emily Markesteyn, Ogeechee RiverKeeper  
Bill Hunter, Ogeechee River Property Owner  
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Hunter, Ogeechee River Property Owner  
Mr. Shuman, Ogeechee River Property Owner  
Gordon Rogers, Flint RiverKeeper  
April Ingle, Georgia River Network  
Monte Simpson, Weyerhaeuser  
Jeannine Haynes, Georgia Transmission Corporation  
Clayton Doherty, Georgia Transmission Corporation  
Karl Ledford, Georgia Transmission Corporation

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Todd Holbrook  
Homer Bryson  
Spud Woodward  
Dan Forster  
Becky Kelley  
Dave Crass  
Steve Friedman  
Emily Hitchcock  
Kyle Pearson  
Mike Harris  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Jeff Weaver  
John Jensen  
Eddie Henderson  
Steven Adams  
Mark Whitney  
Ben Stowers  
Cathy Barnette  
Mary Ann Evans  
Hellen Harris

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Walter Jones, Morris News Service

John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance

Phil Zinsmeister, Sierra Club

Ronny Just, Georgia Power

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council

Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition

David Pendered, Saporta Report.com

Lydia Swain, All Justices Concur.net

Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power

Glenn Dowling, National Wildlife Federation

The December 6, 2011 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Earl Barrs. Chairman Barrs recognized Senator Donzella James, and called on Phyllis Johnson, Chairman of the Coastal Committee.

Mrs. Johnson called on Pamela Flores, Communications Director for Raccoon Hogg Community Development Corporation.

Ms. Flores handed out copies of the PowerPoint presentation that she would give concerning the Geechee Gullah culture of Sapelo Island. (Copy of PowerPoint attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Senator Donzella James addressed the Committee regarding a Legislative Resolution that she was sponsoring that would establish a joint study committee for Sapelo Island, and invited the Board to come to Sapelo Island.

Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she would like Ms. Flores to give the Committee a specific request for consideration.

Ms. Flores called on Al Bartell, Special Consultant to Raccoon Hogg Community Development Corporation, who stated that the specific request was for the establishment of an ad hoc sub-committee for Sapelo Island.

Mrs. Johnson called for a motion regarding this request.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Walters and carried unanimously to deny the request to establish an ad hoc sub-committee for Sapelo Island.

Mrs. Johnson called on Spud Woodward, Director of Coastal Resources Division, for an update.

Mr. Woodward gave an update on recent federal and interstate fishery management activities and the developing partnership with the College of Coastal Georgia for internships.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.