

Minutes
Board of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
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March 24, 2010

Attending:

Board Members

Jenny Lynn Bradley, Chairman
Bill Archer
Earl Barrs
Dennis Billew
Gene Bishop
Warren Budd
Bill Carruth
Dwight Davis
Joe Hatfield
Walter Hudson
Mabel Jenkins
Phyllis Johnson
Ray Lambert
Loyce Turner
Jim Walters
Tom Wheeler
Steven Woodruff

Visitors

Ronny Just, Georgia Power Corporation
Randy Young, Georgia Power Corporation
Shelly Lakly, The Nature Conservancy
Helen Tapp, Trust for Public Land
Thomas Farmer, The Nature Conservancy
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia
Lindsay Averett, Oglethorpe Power
Glenn Dowling, Georgia Wildlife Federation

Staff Members

Chris Clark
Allen Barnes
Todd Holbrook
Spud Woodward
Dave Crass
Marlin Gottschalk
Terry West
Paul Nelson
Jim Ussery
Doralyn Kirkland
Steve Friedman
Emily Hitchcock
Lauren Curry
Tami Morris
Homer Bryson
Wally Woods
John Martin
Mark Whitney
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

The March 24, 2010 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Jenny Lynn Bradley.

Chairman Bradley called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried unanimously that the Board approve the minutes of the February 2010 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Dr. Turner and carried unanimously that the agenda be amended to consider a Resolution honoring former Board Member Jim Tysinger.

Chairman Bradley read the Resolution honoring Mr. Tysinger and called for a motion to approve.

A motion was made by Mr. Budd, seconded by Mr. Barrs and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution honoring Jim Tysinger for his service on the Board of Natural Resources. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Dr. Turner stated that he had the privilege of serving with Mr. Tysinger in the State Senate for several years and does not know of anyone he respects any more than Jim Tysinger. He further stated that Mr. Tysinger's integrity and capability and interest in the State of Georgia was unsurmountable, and that he will be greatly missed on the Board.

Chairman Bradley stated that she would like to commend Earl and Wanda Barrs and Gully Branch Tree Farm in Cochran for being winners of the 2010 Governor's Environmental Stewardship Award for Agriculture. She further stated that this award honors farmers for good stewardship of all aspects of the environment in their farming practices.

Chairman Bradley called on Chris Clark, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), for the Commissioner's Report.

Commissioner Clark briefed the Board on the current budget situation, Parks and Historic Sites Day at the Capitol, legislation of interest, and the sponsorship request for proposal.

Commissioner Clark encouraged Board Members to view the two new episodes of Georgia Outdoors on Georgia Public Television featuring "Edge of Survival," which looks at efforts to save some of the state's endangered species; and "Perfect Catch,"

which takes a look at fishing in Georgia, stating that the episodes would air tonight at 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. respectively.

Commissioner Clark called attention to the FY-2010 Budget, Revenue and Expense Comparison Through January 2010, the Capital Outlay for February 2010, the Commissioner's Activity Report, the Fee Report, and the Weekly Updates, which are sent via e-mail.

Chairman Bradley called on Bill Archer, Chairman of the Coastal Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Archer, seconded by Dr. Turner and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Saltwater Finfishing, Chapter 391-2-4-0.4. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Bradley called on Tom Wheeler, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Carruth and carried with opposing votes from Mr. Lambert and Mr. Hatfield that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for acquisition (purchase) of 26.65± acres of real property, Anne Vail et al tract (via Hall County), Chattahoochee River, Don Carter State Park, Hall County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hatfield and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for acquisition (donation) of 1.56± acres of real property, Wildwood tract via The Trust for Public Land (TPL), Chattahoochee River Regional Park, Habersham and White Counties. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Carruth and carried with opposing votes from Mrs. Jenkins and Mr. Lambert that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for acquisition (purchase) of 469± acres of real property, Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Forestar tract via The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Dawson County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Discussion ensued regarding this acquisition, with Commissioner Clark stating that he will keep the Board updated on future projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Walters and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for revocation of a revocable license granted to

Scofield Timber Company, Inc., by the State Properties Commission for use of a road located on 2.1± acres at Sheffield Wildlife Management Area (WMA), Paulding County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Hudson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant a revocable license for temporary work areas on 0.13± acre to Chatham County by the State Properties Commission, Skidaway Road Drainage Improvement Project, Wormsloe State Historic Site, Chatham County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Bradley introduced Helen Tapp, President for the Trust for Public Land and Dr. Shelly Lakly, Executive Director of The Nature Conservancy, and thanked them for their generous donations to help with DNR's land acquisition projects and for the beautiful publication on the Chattahoochee Greenway project that had been handed out.

Chairman Bradley called on Phyllis Johnson, Acting Chairman of the Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Committee, in the absence of Chairman Philip Watt.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement not to exceed 50 years between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the North Georgia Mountains Authority (NGMA) for the joint or separate operation of the subject facilities in the agreement. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jenny Lynn Bradley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Warren C. Budd, Jr., Secretary