

Minutes
Board of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
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June 29, 2011

Attending:

Board Members

Earl Barrs, Chairman
Dennis Billew
Warren Budd
Bill Carruth
Joe Hatfield
Walter Hudson
Duncan Johnson
Phyllis Johnson
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Aaron Mcwhorter
Loyce Turner
Jim Walters
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Steven Woodruff

Visitors

Dr. Betty Siegel, Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company
Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power Company
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Daniel Groce, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Lauren Greer, Senate Budget Office

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Allen Barnes
Todd Holbrook
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Becky Kelley
Dan Forster
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Doug Haymans
Jim Ussery
Doralyn Kirkland
John Bowers
Lauren Curry
Ben Stowers
Connie Buck
John Martin
Raymond Smith
Johnny Johnson
Lisa Mehalko
Vonetta Pryor
Jim Laine
Cathy Barnette
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

The June 29, 2011 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Earl Barrs.

Chairman Barrs announced that the time of inspiration and reflection would be given later in the meeting, and called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2011 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mr. Woodruff and carried unanimously that the Board approve the minutes of the May 2011 meeting.

Chairman Barrs called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2011 conference call meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Hatfield and carried unanimously that the Board approve the minutes of the June 17, 2011 conference call meeting.

Chairman Barrs called on Mark Williams, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the Commissioner's Report.

Commissioner Williams introduced Raymond Smith, Park Manager at Fort Yargo State Park; and Johnny Johnson, Administrative Sargent, Wildlife Resources Division, as Field Managers recognized for their achievement in DNR.

Commissioner Williams stated that WSB-TV, Channel 2, would be featuring Dukes Creek and the Etowah Indian Mounds on their program "Incredible Adventures on Georgia's Hidden Treasures" tonight at 8:00 p.m.

Commissioner Williams called on Dave Crass, Director, Historic Preservation Division (HPD), for an update.

Dr. Crass gave an update on Camp Lawton's nomination for a national award by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ossabaw Island Archaeology Field School, and HPD's new website.

Commissioner Williams called attention to the FY-2011 Budget, Revenue & Expense Comparison through May; the DNR Capital Outlay Status Report for June; and the Weekly Updates that are sent via e-mail.

Chairman Barrs introduced Dr. Betty Siegel, Chair of the Siegel Institute for Leadership, Ethics & Character and President Emeritus of Kennesaw State University, who gave the time of inspiration and reflection on the importance of integrity and trust.

Chairman Barrs called on Warren Budd, Chairman of the Audit & Compliance Committee.

Mr. Budd stated that progress is being made on defining the goals of the Audit & Compliance Committee. He further stated that when a report is received from the Department of Audits & Accounts, the Audit & Compliance Committee will ensure that their recommendations are implemented.

He added that the Committee would meet again in either October or December and report to the full Board after that meeting.

Chairman Barrs called on Loyce Turner, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee.

A motion was made by Dr. Turner, 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 (purchase) of 1± acre of real property, Ocmulgee River, Joe Popper tract, Jasper County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Hatfield and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to renew the Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Transportation for management of 92.7± acres located along the Silver Comet Trail, Polk County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Hatfield and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Rule Making Procedures for Change of Use or Conveyance of Heritage Preserves, Chapter 391-1-8. (Rule Making Procedures attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Barrs called on Philip Watt, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee.

A motion was made by Dr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Hatfield and carried unanimously that the Board approve the proposed amendment to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2-.71, Federal Wildlife Areas. (Proposed Amendment hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Dr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Hatfield and carried unanimously that the Board approve the proposed addition of New Rule 391-1-7-.01, Refund of Fees, to specify how the Department will provide refunds of fees collected in error or as an overpayment, or to which the Department or State is not otherwise entitled. (Proposed Addition attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Barrs called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee, who called on Steven Woodruff, Vice Chairman of the Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Dr. Watt and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the Proposed FY-2012 Spending Plan for the Solid Waste Trust Fund. (Proposed FY-2012 Spending Plan attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Walters and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to Miscellaneous Revisions. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Billew and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality and Nonattainment New Source Review. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to Air Quality Permit Fees. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Woodruff, seconded by Mr. Hatfield and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to Multipollutant Rule Compliance Dates. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Barrs called on Phyllis Johnson, Chairman of the Rock Howard Committee, for an update.

Mrs. Johnson stated that other members of the Rock Howard Committee include Steven Woodruff, Mabel Jenkins, and Philip Watt. She further stated that the Rock Howard Committee would meet in July to discuss the current selection process and proposed changes and that the Committee would report to the Board at the August meeting. She added that if Board members have strong feelings about the process to contact her.

Chairman Barrs stated that Board members should feel free to contact Lauren Curry, Director of Public and Governmental Affairs, for any advice on media inquiries.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Earl D. Barrs, Chairman

ATTEST:

Mabel C. Jenkins, Secretary