

Minutes
Board of Natural Resources
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

June 27, 2012

Attending:

Board Members

Rob Leebern, Vice Chairman (Acting Chairman)
Philip Wilheit, Secretary
William Bagwell
Dennis Billew
Joe Hatfield
Phyllis Johnson
Ray Lambert
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Mobley
Mark Smith
Loyce Turner
Jim Walters
Steven Woodruff

Visitors

Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Brant Lane, HHNT
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Jim McGarvey, Gordon County GOP Chairman

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Todd Holbrook
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Lauren Curry
Ben Stowers
John Bowers
Doralyn Kirkland
Amanda Schraner
Lee Taylor
Jason Lee
Bobby Wilson
Eddie Henderson
Doug Haymans
Antoinette Norfleet
Jac Capp
Mike Long
Kyle Pearson
Joshua Ellis
Zachary Harris
Cathy Barnette

The June 27, 2012 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Vice Chairman Rob Leebern, Acting as Chairman in the absence of Chairman Philip Watt.

Chairman Leebern called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2012 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Walters, seconded by Mrs. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board approve the minutes of the May 2012 meeting.

Chairman Leebern called on Mark Williams, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), for comments.

Commissioner Williams recognized the following Field Managers who were attending the Board Meeting and spending the day with Senior Staff:

- Amanda Schraner, Section Chief of Historic Resources Section, Historic Preservation Division (HPD)
- Lee Taylor, Region Supervisor for Game Management, Thomson Office, Wildlife Resources Division (WRD)
- Jason Lee, Program Manager, Brunswick Nongame Office, WRD
- Bobby Wilson, Park Manager, Cloudland State Park, Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Division (PRHSD)

Commissioner Williams updated the Board on his visits to Ossabaw, McDuffie Education Center, and Laker Lanier, along with his meetings with State legislators. He also gave updates on the 5% pay raise that will be given to Law Enforcement personnel to be effective July 1; turtle eggs on Sapelo; and the tragic accident on Lake Lanier, which took the life of two young boys.

Commissioner Williams called on Dave Crass, Director, HPD, for an update.

Dr. Crass announced several personnel changes: Candy Henderson's retirement - Jana Fitzgibbon was hired as her replacement; Richard Clouse's retirement - Amanda Schraner was promoted to replace Mr. Clouse.

Dr. Crass also updated the Board on the Ossabaw Field School and the CNN story on the Rosenwald Schools, which prominently featured HPD employee Jeanne Cyriaque.

Commissioner Williams called attention to the Capital Outlay report for June, which was in the Board package, and the Weekly Updates, which are sent via e-mail.

Chairman Leebern called on Phyllis Johnson, Chairman, Coastal Committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Woodruff and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Coastal Marshlands Protection, Chapter 391-2-3, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Leebern called on Loyce Turner, Chairman, 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 and General Assembly approval to grant a revocable license and permanent easement by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Georgia Power Company for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating overhead and underground utility lines providing power to certain facilities within Fort Yargo State Park, Camp Will-A-Way, Barrow County, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Walters and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to renew License No. DACW01-87-10146 for public park and recreational purposes (25-year license agreement), U. S. Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, 100± acres of real property at Florence Marina State Park, Stewart County, as presented. (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 seek State Properties Commission and General Assembly approval to grant a revocable license and permanent easement by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to Citizens Telephone Company on 1± acres for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating fiber optic cables providing telephone and internet service to Lake Blackshear Resort, Georgia Veterans State Park, Crisp County, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Billew and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission and General Assembly approval to grant a revocable license and permanent easement by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to Habersham Electric Membership Corporation on 0.12± acres for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating fiber optic cables providing telephone and internet service to Unicoi State Park and Lodge, White County, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Leebern called on Ray Lambert, Chairman, Environmental Protection Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to miscellaneous changes and updates, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Bagwell 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 permit fees, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Robert D. Leebern, Jr., Acting Chairman

ATTEST:

Philip A. Wilheit, Jr., Secretary