

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

February 25, 2013

Attending:

Board Members

Rob Leebern, Chairman
Philip Wilheit, Vice Chairman
Ray Lambert, Secretary
Nancy Addison
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Duncan Johnson
Phyllis Johnson
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Mobley
Mike Phelps
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Dee Yancey

Visitors

Dennis Billew, former Board Member
Bill Donohue, LLIDA and NGMA
Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner & Associates
Michael Pisciotta, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Chris Manganeillo, Georgia River Network
Mark M. Woodall, Sierra Club
Debbie Phillips, GA Industry Environmental Coalition
Sally Clark, Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power
Leon Watkins, K & M Landfill

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dan Forster
Kyle Pearson
Zachary Harris
Lauren Curry
Steve Friedman
Jac Capp
Keith Bentley
Jim Ussery
Doralyn Kirkland
David Clark
Jeff Cown
John Martin
Michael Chadwell
Paul Nelson
Bryan Alexander
Eddie Henderson
Russ Pennington
Lon Revall
Mary Walker
Antoinette Norfleet
Taylor Brown
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

The February 25, 2013 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern introduced newest Board member Mike Phelps and stated that Bill Jones had been appointed and would be at the March meeting.

Chairman Leebern introduced EPD Director Jud Turner and recognized his seat at the Board table. Director Turner thanked Chairman Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called for a motion to adopt the resolution to honor J. Dennis Billew.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilheit, seconded by Mr. Lambert, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the resolution to honor J. Dennis Billew. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

Chairman Leebern called on Dennis Billew for comments. Mr. Billew stated that he enjoyed his time on the Board and would like to thank the Board and staff for their help during his tenure.

Chairman Leebern adjourned the Board meeting to call to order the Committee meetings.

After the Committee meetings were adjourned, Chairman Leebern called the Board meeting to order again.

Chairman Leebern called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2013 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the minutes of the January 2013 meeting.

Chairman Leebern called on Mark Williams, Commissioner of Natural Resources, for comments.

Commissioner Williams briefed the Board on the Budget and stated that he would keep the Board informed as it moves through the Legislative process, and gave an update on current legislation of interest to DNR.

Commissioner Williams called on John Martin, Chief Information Officer, who introduced Michael Chadwell, IT Customer Care Team Leader, for a presentation on the Board portal.

Commissioner Williams called on Kyle Pearson, Executive Counsel, to present the action item on Redirect of General Obligation Bonds.

Mr. Pearson stated the department is requesting approval to submit a request to the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget to redirect DNR 122 to clarify that funds can also be used for improvements to publicly operated facilities and to specifically redirect \$2,128,460.00 within DNR 122 to initiate the renovation by EPD of Floors 10,

11, 13 and 14 of the East Tower of the Floyd Building as well as lab space in the Agriculture Building and office space in the Martin Luther King Building.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Redirect of General Obligation Bonds.

Commissioner Williams called on Spud Woodward, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, who gave an update on the upcoming oyster restoration activities, a summary of calendar year 2012 food shrimp season, the status of invasive lionfish in the South Atlantic, and plans to use decommissioned TACTS towers as artificial reefs.

Commissioner Williams called on Bryan Tucker, State Archeologist and Section Chief, who gave an update on Camp Lawton, Cannon's Point Tract on St. Simons, and the UGA Institute for Technology Outreach Service's plans to build second-generation web-based GIS inventory system.

Commissioner Williams called on Paul Nelson, Assistant Director of the Parks and Historic Sites Division, who gave an update on the 2012 Recreational Trails Program Awards and the Staff/Friends Conference on Jekyll Island.

Commissioner Williams called on Dan Forster, Director of the Wildlife Resources Division, who gave an update on the 2013 Weekend for Wildlife, as well as the dates for the 2014 Weekend for Wildlife, which will be January 31-February 1; the repair needs at the Ocmulgee PFA; and the economic impact of hunting and fishing in Georgia.

Commissioner Williams stated that DNR Capital Outlay Status Report for February was in the Board package and that the Weekly Updates are sent via email.

Chairman Leebern called on Mr. Bagwell, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for disposition of approximately 1.52± acres of leased property owned by the Corps of Engineers (COE-Supplement Agreement #1), George T. Bagby State Park, Clay County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to quit claim any interest in 861± acres to resolve a claim, Chatham County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the granting of a Revocable License and Permanent Easement by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating fiber

optic cables providing internet service to Amicalola Falls State Park, Windstream Standard, L.L.C., 4.26± acres, Dawson County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Leebern called on Mr. Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Bagwell and carried unanimously that the Board approve the proposed Grant Criteria for Diesel Emissions Reduction Program, Chapter 391-3-21-.15. (Copy of the proposed amendments attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Robert D. Leebern, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Ray P. Lambert, Jr., Secretary