

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

**April 30, 2013**

**Attending:**

Board Members

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

Visitors

Brant Lane  
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Leon Watkins, K & M Landfill  
Dave Williams, MAC  
Todd Hollbrook, Georgia Wildlife Federation

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Jud Turner  
Homer Bryson  
Spud Woodward  
Dan Forster  
Becky Kelley  
Dave Crass  
Steve Friedman  
Lauren Curry  
Eddie Henderson  
Kyle Pearson  
John Martin  
Michael Chadwell  
Mary Ann Evans  
Cathy Barnette  
Taylor Brown  
Walter Rabon  
Stephen Adams  
Micheal Crawley  
David Webb  
Henry O'Neal  
Chris Pope

The April 30, 2013 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

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

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

Chairman Leebern called on Mark Williams, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, for his report.

Commissioner Williams called on Mary Ann Evans, who was presented with a framed Resolution by Chairman Leebern and Ms. Johnson honoring her faithful years of service and retirement from DNR. Commissioner Williams stated his appreciation of Ms. Evans' dedication to the DNR Board and staff.

Ms. Evans stated her gratitude and appreciation for the DNR Board and staff members.

Commissioner Williams called on Ranger David Webb, who was presented with a framed Resolution by Chairman Leebern recognizing his vital role in "Operation Something Bruin."

Commissioner Williams called on Lieutenant Henry O'Neal, who was presented with a framed Resolution by Chairman Leebern recognizing his vital role in "Operation Something Bruin."

Commissioner Williams called on Corporal Micheal Crawley, who was presented with a framed Resolution by Chairman Leebern recognizing his heroic efforts in the rescue of four hunters on the Ogeechee River.

Commissioner Williams called on Park Ranger Chris Pope, who was presented with a framed Resolution by Chairman Leebern recognizing his heroic efforts in apprehending an at-large criminal.

Chairman Leebern called for a motion to adopt the Resolutions, as presented.

A motion was made by Dr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried unanimously to adopt the Resolutions. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Commissioner Williams stated the new Law Enforcement Division of DNR would become effective on July 1, 2013.

Commissioner Williams called on Dave Crass, Director of the Historic Preservation Division, to give a division update.

Director Crass gave an informational overview of HPD including the history of the division, the Five-Year Preservation Plan, the various programs of the division, and the public affairs and outreach.

Commissioner Williams stated with no further business, his report was concluded.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Department of Natural Resources, River Houses, Chapter 391-2-1 (Copy of proposed amendments attached hereto and made a part hereof.)

Chairman Lambert called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Ms. Addison 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 Electric Utility Steam Generating Units. (Copy of proposed amendments 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 the Rules for Underground Storage Tank Management, Chapter 391-3-15, pertaining to Environmental Assurance Fees. (Copy of proposed amendments attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Leebern called on Jud Turner, Director of EPD, for a division update.

Director Turner gave an update on the seasonal burn ban which would begin May 1; the Ogeechee River and King America Fishing Permit; and the additional funding for Flint River Regional Councils in the budget.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant a Revocable License and Permanent Easement by the State Properties Commission to the University of Georgia of the University System of the Board of Regents (Regents) over 3.3± acres for a non-exclusive easement for ingress and egress over the Wormsloe State Historic Site, Chatham County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Hudson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 1, 175± acres of real property, Altamaha River-Penholoway Swamp, Boyles Island Tract Phase II via The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Wayne County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant a Revocable License by the State Properties Commission to Southwest Georgia Regional Commission (SWGRC) over parts of Land Lots 110 and Lots 91 in Elmodel Wildlife Management Area, Baker County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Leebern asked if there was any other business.

Mr. Wilheit stated there would be a DNR Board Portal training session in the board room following pictures at the Capitol.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Robert D. Leebern, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

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Ray P. Lambert, Jr., Secretary