

Minutes
Board of Natural Resources
College of Coastal Georgia
Southeast Georgia Conference Center
Altamaha/Satilla Rooms
One College Drive
Brunswick, GA 31520

January 31, 2014

Attending:

Board Members

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

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Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Eddie Henderson
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
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The January 31, 2014 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Board Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on Dr. Gregory Aloia, President of the Coastal College of Georgia, who welcomed the Board members and thanked the Department of Natural Resources for their partnership.

Chairman Leebern introduced new Board member Brother Stewart.

Mr. Stewart was sworn in by Chairman Leebern to the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Leebern thanked Becky Kelley, Dave Crass, Spud Woodward, Eddie Henderson, Steve Friedman, Jud Turner, Mark Williams, Homer Bryson, Lauren Curry, Cathy Barnette, and staff for working with him during his time as Board Chairman.

Chairman Leebern adjourned the Board Meeting and called the Committee meetings to order.

Upon adjournment of the Committee meetings, Chairman Leebern called the meeting of the Board of Natural Resources to order.

Chairman Leebern recognized Mr. Wilheit, who was featured in Atlanta Magazine.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sinyard to approve the minutes of the December Board meeting.

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

Commissioner Williams thanked President Aloia for the Coastal College of Georgia's partnership with DNR and allowing the Board to hold the meeting at the college.

Commissioner Williams thanked Chairman Leebern for his leadership during his tenure as Board Chairman. He further stated that he looks forward to working with Mr. Wilheit over the next year. He added he would like to thank Mr. Wilheit for his hard work on Weekend for Wildlife over the past year.

Commissioner Williams stated that due to the winter storm, Governor Deal would not be attending Weekend for Wildlife.

Commissioner Williams stated the General Assembly was now on day 12 of the legislative session. He further stated three of the four DNR bills had dropped and were well received. He added the bill to allow a change of use of the Heritage Preserve at Panola Mountain State Park would be introduced following the Board's approval.

Commissioner Williams called on Jud Turner, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for his report.

Director Turner updated the Board on EPD's legislation; Georgia's response to Florida's lawsuit; and the composting facility located in Toccoa, Georgia.

Commissioner Williams called on Dan Forster, Director of the Wildlife Resources Division, for his report.

Director Forster gave an update on the new hunting and fishing licensing system; the Non-Game Conservation and Wildlife Acquisition Fund; and Weekend for Wildlife.

Commissioner Williams called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Historic Sites and Recreation Division, for her report.

Director Kelley gave an update on the two federal grant programs awarded by the Division; an evaluation of the number of volunteers through Friends and PHSRD efforts; new brochures; and the spike in Facebook likes during the winter storm. She further thanked the Land Acquisition Committee members for approving the Panola change of use item.

Dr. Watt encouraged all Board members to support Friends of State Parks.

Commissioner Williams stated during Winter Storm Leon, two state parks were opened for stranded motorists. He further stated he would like to thank the Parks staff.

Commissioner Williams called on Colonel Eddie Henderson, Director of the Law Enforcement Division, to brief the Board on DNR's efforts during Winter Storm Leon.

Colonel Henderson stated before the storm LED was instructed to fill all trucks and ATV's with gas. He further stated during the storm conservation rangers assisted stranded motorists, helped students off of school buses, and removed vehicles from the road.

Mr. Mobley asked Colonel Henderson if Conservation Rangers receive any special training for winter emergency situations.

Colonel Henderson stated all officers receive emergency vehicle training, search and rescue training, and training using all-terrain vehicles.

Commissioner Williams called on Lauren Curry, Director of Public and Government Affairs for a Weekend for Wildlife housekeeping issue.

Chairman Leebern called on Ms. Johnson for the Coastal Committee report.

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for the Georgia

Department of Natural Resources Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4. (Copy of the proposed amendments attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Leebern called on Mr. Lambert for the Environmental Protection Committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Watt and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20, pertaining to federal updates. (Copy of the proposed amendments attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Leebern called on William Bagwell for the Land Acquisition report.

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 to recommend to support the change of use of 760± acres of a Heritage Preserve dedicated area, Panola Mountain State Park , Rockdale and Henry Counties. (Copy of the Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Brother Stewart stated he would be withholding his vote for Items b,c,d,e,f and g because of a conflict of interest.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 1± acre of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 302 Baker Road, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.65± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 109 Wyler Avenue, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 1.81± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 200 Baker Road, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.8± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 105 Travis Street, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 12± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 10111 Hawkinsville Road (A), Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.24± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 202 Ferguson Street, Houston County. (Copy of the Resolutions attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Shailendra 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 of 0.7± acres by State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to Georgia Power Company for the purpose of widening the right-of-way and maintaining an area for a new transmission line at the Walton Fish Hatchery, Walton County. (Copy of the Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Sinyard 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 of 0.28± acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to Okefenokee Rural Electric Membership Corporation to install and maintain and underground power line at Penholoway Swamp Wildlife Management Area, Wayne County. (Copy of the Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Ms. Addison and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant convey 8.9± acres from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Transportation and the granting of a 1.8± acre revocable license for a temporary easement of which 0.09± acres will be converted to a permanent easement by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly for the Bridge Replacement and Realignment of SR 372 crossing the Etowah River, Cherokee County. (Copy of the Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Chairman Leebern called for a motion to increase the Commissioner's salary.

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, seconded by Dr. Watt and carried unanimously to increase the Commissioner's salary to \$175,000, effective February 1, 2014.

Chairman Leebern called on Director Turner.

Director Turner stated the Governor had appointed him to an Advisory Role that must be authorized by the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Dr. Watt and carried unanimously that the Board approve Director Turner's request to accept Appointment to the Governor's Advisory Role.

Chairman Leebern called on Ms. Johnson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for the committee report.

Ms. Johnson stated the Nominating Committee presented the proposed slate of officers to the Board at the December Board meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Watt and carried unanimously to approve the following officers for 2014: Philip Wilheit, Chairman; Ray Lambert, Vice Chairman; William Bagwell, Secretary.

Mr. Leebern passed the gavel to the new Board Chairman, Philip Wilheit.

Chairman Wilheit presented Mr. Leebern with a gift and thanked him for his service.

Chairman Wilheit stated the Google map application would be debuted at Weekend for Wildlife. He further stated he would like to encourage all members to donate their Board meeting refund to the Natural Resources Foundation.

Chairman Wilheit called on Ashlee Ellis of Ducks Unlimited, who gave an informational presentation on Ducks Unlimited's work in Georgia.

Mr. Leebern stated the Board should consider honoring former Board member, Mark Smith, with a Resolution for the time he served on the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Robert D. Leebern, Jr., Chairman

Ray P. Lambert, Jr., Secretary

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The January 31, 2014 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on Phyllis Johnson, Chairman of the Coastal Committee, who called on Spud Woodward, Director of the Coastal Resources Division.

Director Woodward recognized CRD staff members, Doug Haymans, Karl Burgess, Pat Geer, Jan MacKinnon and Brad Gane, who were in attendance.

Director Woodward stated the first item for the Board's consideration would be an action on the proposed amendments to the Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4.

Director Woodward stated the Board was briefed on the proposed amendments at the December Board meeting. He further stated during the public notice period four comments were received by email. He added three of the comments were in support of the rule change and one was opposed.

Director Woodward stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilheit, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4, as presented.

Director Woodward called on Pat Geer, Chief of Marine Fisheries, who gave an informational presentation on the service learning partnership of the Coastal College of Georgia and the Department of Natural Resources.

Director Woodward presented the Board members with an autographed copy of "Catch the Excitement of Coastal Georgia" created by Jim Jenkins. He stated the book promotes the importance of Georgia's coast to grade school children. He further stated the book was funded by the Natural Resources Foundation.

Chairman Johnson thanked the staff of the Coastal Resources Division for their work during her time as Coastal Committee Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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The January 31, 2014 meeting of the Environmental Protection Division was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

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

Chairman Lambert called on Keith Bentley, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to present the proposed amendments to Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20, pertaining to federal updates.

Mr. Bentley stated the Inspection and Maintenance Rules were last updated in 2007. He further stated the purpose of the revision is to be consistent with Federal rules and the Georgia Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Act and to add definitions needed due to advances in technology or that are missing.

Mr. Bentley stated the committee was briefed on the amendments in September. He further stated a public hearing was held in October 2013 as well as January 2014.

Mr. Bentley stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

Chairman Leebern asked if moving from non-attainment to attainment affects the inspection process.

Mr. Bentley stated the Inspection Maintenance Program is still a part of EPD's Maintenance Plan. He further stated EPD is attainment for the 2007 standard and marginally non-attainment for the 2008 standard.

Discussion ensued on this topic.

Chairman Lambert called on Mr. Johnson to comment.

Mr. Johnson stated he would like to thank EPD for working with the automobile industry and that he believes this is a good rule change.

Mr. Lambert stated he would like to thank Mr. Bentley and EPD for working with the automobile industry on this issue.

A motion was made by Mr. McWhorter, seconded by Ms. Addison and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20, pertaining to federal updates, as presented.

Mr. Bentley stated he would brief the Board on the Proposed Repeal of Rules for Clean Fueled Fleets, Chapter 391-3-22 and the Proposed Amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to gasoline marketing, consumer and commercial products, and emergency generators for data centers, together.

Mr. Bentley stated air quality is improving and may be better than it has ever been since measurements began by EPD. He further stated in December of 2013 the Atlanta area was officially declared attainment for the standard by EPD. He added EPD has seen dramatic reductions in the number of ozone violation days over the past three years.

Mr. Bentley stated that because of improved air quality and projected emission trends, EPD is in a position to provide some regulatory relief while still protecting the air quality. He further stated the proposed amendments will reduce the regulatory burden of the regulated community, provide administrative relief to EPD, and respond to Governor Deal's 2012 Executive Order regarding burdensome regulations.

Mr. Bentley stated the proposed rule change would be out for public notice in February and a public hearing would be held in March. He further stated EPD anticipates requesting adoption of the proposed amendments by the Board at the March Board meeting.

Chairman Lambert called on Jud Turner, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, to comment.

Director Turner stated he appreciates the Air Branch and their technical expertise which has allowed EPD to make these changes.

Mr. Stewart asked if there is a federal requirement to place air monitors in each area.

Mr. Bentley stated there were federal requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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The January 31, 2014 meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on William Bagwell, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item for consideration would be the recommendation to support the change of use of 760± acres of a Heritage Preserve at Panola Mountain State Park. He further stated the change of use was requested by the Parks Division and Historic Preservation Division.

Mr. Friedman stated a public hearing was held on January 7, 2014, and was chaired by Chairman Bagwell.

Mr. Friedman stated the change of use would expand the primary goals of the Heritage Preserve designation to include a historical and culture preservation laboratory and facilities for Department staff of PRSHD and HPD.

Mr. Friedman stated at the December briefing the Department had asked for the Heritage Preserve to include overnight accommodations. He further stated that at the public hearing the attendees were not supportive of the change of use goal to improve overnight accommodations. He added that after considering the testimony, the Department staff recommends supporting the proposed change of use to construct facilities for the Department staff and historical and cultural preservation lab only.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

Chairman Bagwell stated he appreciated working with the staff on this issue and being involved in the public hearing.

Ms. Johnson stated she would request the Board be presented with a list of state owned properties that contain a Heritage Preserve designation.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilheit, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to recommend supporting the change of use of 760± acres of a Heritage Preserve dedicated area, Panola Mountain State Park, Rockdale and Henry Counties, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated Items b, c, d, e, f and g would be presented together. He stated all properties were located in Houston County in the buffer zone of the Warner Robins Air Force Base.

Mr. Friedman stated all properties would be funded by DNR Bond 123. He further stated properties in Item b,d,e,f and g all contain houses or other structures that would be removed after purchasing.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the items as presented.

Chairman Bagwell stated if there were no issues, all six items could be considered at one time.

Mr. McWhorter asked Mr. Friedman to describe the process of acquiring these properties.

Mr. Friedman stated the Central Georgia Joint Development Authority identified the tracts that need to be purchased. He further stated the Authority presented this list to DNR which contains sixty to seventy properties. He added DNR then follows state procedure when acquiring each property.

Dr. Watt asked Mr. Friedman if the houses located on the properties were occupied.

Mr. Friedman stated he was not sure if the houses were occupied. He further stated he would conduct research to find out.

Mr. Lambert stated he would like to know the cost of demolition and removal of these structures. He asked if DNR was allowed to use bond money to remove the structures.

Mr. Friedman stated DNR is allowed to use bond money to remove the structures.

Discussion ensued on the topic of removing the structures from the properties.

Mr. Phelps asked Mr. Friedman if there was a timeline for when all purchases must be complete.

Mr. Friedman stated the Warner Robins Air Force Base and Central Georgia Joint Development Authority would like this to be complete within the next year.

Discussion ensued on this topic on the purchasing process and management of the land.

A motion was made Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt: the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 1± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 302 Baker Road, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.65± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 109 Wyler Avenue, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 1.18± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 200 Baker Road, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire

(purchase) 0.8± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 105 Travis Street, Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 12± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 10111 Hawkinsville Road (A), Houston County, as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire (purchase) 0.24± acres of real property, Echeconnee Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA), 202 Ferguson Street, Houston County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for Board consideration would be the granting of a revocable license and permanent easement for the purpose of widening the right-of-way and maintaining an area for a new transmission line at the Walton Fish Hatchery in Walton County.

Mr. Friedman stated the Georgia Power Company plans to install a new, larger power line above the power poles and lines currently running along Willow Springs Church Road. He further stated the subject property is a Heritage Preserve designated area but will not require a change of use since the proposed power line will be placed within an existing power line corridor.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant a Revocable License and Permanent Easement of 0.7± acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to Georgia Power Company for the purpose of widening the right-of-way and maintaining an area for a new transmission line at the Walton Fish Hatchery, Walton County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the following item would be the granting of a revocable license and permanent easement to Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation to install and maintain an underground power line at Penholoway Swamp Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Friedman stated the Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Company requests a revocable license and permanent easement to provide power to a new WRD Maintenance Facility. He further stated the Maintenance Facility will act as a secure location to store materials and equipment used to manage the WMA and also serve as a check station for check-in hunts.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant a Revocable License and Permanent Easement of 0.28±

acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to Okefenoke Rural Electric Membership Corporation to install and maintain and underground power line at Penholoway Swamp Wildlife Management Area, Wayne County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item would be the conveyance of 8.9± acres from DNR to the Department of Transportation and the granting of 1.8± acre revocable license for a temporary easement of 0.09± acres will be converted to a permanent easement by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly for the Bridge Replacement and Realignment of SR 372 crossing the Etowah River.

Mr. Friedman stated that due to safety concerns, GDOT plans to significantly raise the height of the bridge and the angle at which vehicles approach. He further stated to complete this project, GDOT requires an expanded right-of-way on both sides of SR 372.

Mr. Friedman stated for the conveyance of 8.9± acres, GDOT is giving the Department \$144,927 to construct a new boat ramp to the river along with a deceleration lane to enter the boat ramp.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Phelps and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approve to convey 8.9± acres from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Transportation and the granting of 1.8± acre revocable license and permanent easement to which 0.09± acres will be converted to a permanent easement by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly for the Bridge Replacement and Realignment of SR 372 crossing the Etowah River, Cherokee County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated in December he was asked by Board members to present information on DNR owned property in Georgia. He further stated he hoped to bring this information to the Board at the March Board meeting.

Commissioner Williams stated if any Board members had any other questions regarding property owned by DNR to ask Mr. Friedman and he would address it during his March presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.