

Minutes
Coastal Committee
Georgia Southern University
Nessmith-Lane Conference Center
Ballroom (#1601)
847 Plant Drive
Statesboro, GA 30458

June 25, 2013

Attending:

Committee Members

Mark Smith, Vice Chairman
Nancy Addison
William Bagwell
Duncan Johnson
Bill Jones
Aaron McWhorter
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey
Rob Leebern, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Dwight Davis
Ray Lambert
Mark Mobley
Mike Phelps
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Philip Watt

Visitors

Neill Herring
Harlan Proveaux
James Hayes
Connie Hayes
Lynn Lewis-Weis, National Wild Turkey Federation
Barbara LoRusso
Lance LoRusso
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Emily Markesteyn, Ogeechee Riverkeeper
Al Hackle, Statesboro Herald
Rayban Anderson
Bob Lane
Dallas Whitman
Willis Wood
Phil Odom, Liberty Regional Water Council
John Edwards, Peaceofficers Association of Georgia

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Eddie Henderson
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Lauren Curry
Zachary Harris
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Wally Woods
John Bowers
John Biagi
Jan Sammons
Nap Caldwell
Stephanie Busch
Doralyn Kirkland
Jeff Weaver
Walter Rabon
John Martin
Mark Whitney
Keith Bentley
Cindy Miller
Bob Lynn
Jeff Swift
Scott Klingel
Mary Walker
Jeff Cown
Stephen Adams
Bill Donahue
Ronnie Phillips

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Todd Holbrook, Georgia Wildlife Federation

Don Cheek

Reggie Dickey, Georgia Hunting and Fishing Federation

Bobby McLemore, Ben Hill County Sheriff

Ladson O'Connor, Montgomery County Sheriff

Scott Brunson, Statesboro Police Department

Jon Burns, Georgia House of Representatives

Ben Stowers, Natural Resources Foundation

Bill Archer

The June 25, 2013 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on Mark Smith, Vice Chairman of the Coastal Committee, who called on Spud Woodward, Director of the Coastal Resources Committee, to give a presentation entitled “CRD Supporting Disaster Resilient Communities in Coastal Georgia.”

Director Woodward stated the Georgia Coastal Management Program is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which annually provides approximately \$2,000,000 for CRD program activities.

Director Woodward stated this money helps fund projects including the Coastal Hazardous Focus Area, a partnership between CRD and local governments to help prepare for the aftermath of a storm; Garden City Plan for a Disaster Resilient Community, a model which is now being used by other communities; Georgia Coastal Hazardous Portal, a web-based tool used to access specific exposure areas to coastal hazards; Georgia Disaster Recovery and Redevelopment Plan, a partnership between CRD and GEMA to ensure communities are rebuilt more safe, vibrant, sustainable, and disaster resilient following a disaster.

Director Woodward gave a division update on the opening of Georgia’s Food Shrimp Harvest Season; the Oyster Reef Restoration Workshop in Brunswick, GA; and the upcoming appointment of a new member to the Coastal Marshland and Shore Protection Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.