

**Minutes**  
**Environmental Protection Committee**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**January 27, 2010**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Walter Hudson, Chairman  
Earl Barrs  
Warren Budd  
Phyllis Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Jim Walters  
Philip Watt  
Tom Wheeler  
Bill Carruth, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Bill Archer  
Dennis Billew  
Jenny Lynn Bradley  
Dwight Davis  
Joe Hatfield  
Mabel Jenkins  
Loyce Turner  
Jim Tysinger

Visitors

Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State  
Honorable Chip Pearson, State Senator, District 51  
Alvin Townley, Boy Scouts of America  
Scott Sorrels, Boy Scouts of America  
Donna Yeomans, Senator Pearson's Assistant  
Tracy Bonds, Aiken Grading  
Shannon McGhee, Attorney General's Office  
Bryan Tolar  
Stone Workman

Staff Members

Chris Clark  
Allen Barnes  
Paul Burkhalter  
Todd Holbrook  
Spud Woodward  
Dan Forster  
Becky Kelley  
Marlin Gottschalk  
Dave Crass  
Doug Haymans  
Thomas Barnard  
Terry West  
Jeff Weaver  
Jim Ussery  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Tim Banks  
Megan Gray  
Lacey Avery  
John Martin  
Vonetta Pryor  
Mike Harris  
Mark Whitney  
Wally Woods  
Sally Winchester  
Homer Bryson  
Walter Rabon  
Lynn Barfield  
Connie Buck  
Linda Patrick  
Emily Hitchcock  
Hellen Harris  
Mary Ann Evans

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Susan Holmes

Daryl Kirby, Georgia Outdoor News

Waldo Bradley

Andy Fleming, Friends of Georgia State Parks

Shirl Parsons, Georgia Wildlife Federation

Phil Zinsmeister, Sierra Club

Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company

Lindsay Averett, Oglethorpe Power Company

Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation

Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation

Patrick Pilkington, Tyson Foods

Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia

Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

Sally Bethea, Upper Chattahoochee RiverKeeper

Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates

The January 27, 2010 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Bill Carruth. Chairman Carruth called on Walter Hudson, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

Mr. Hudson called on Allen Barnes, Director of the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) for comments.

Director Barnes stated that EPD has launched the Voluntary Remediation Program as mandated by the Legislature last year. He further stated that three applications had been received to date. He added that he would keep the Board informed as to the status of the program moving forward.

Director Barnes gave an update on the Rivers Alive program, stating that in 2009, there were 174 clean-up events with 25,766 volunteers. He further stated that 25,000 bags of trash were accumulated from 2,147 river miles. He added that the value of that volunteer labor was over \$2 million.

Director Barnes stated that Jennifer Kaduck, Chief of the Land Protection Branch, would retire in March. He further stated that due to budget constraints the Land Protection Branch and Hazardous Waste Management Branch would be combined into one, and that Mark Smith would be the Branch Chief of the Land Protection Branch.

Phyllis Johnson stated that she would like to thank Director Barnes for putting the Voluntary Remediation Program in place.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.