

Minutes
Land Acquisition Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

September 22, 2009

Attending:

Committee Members

Warren Budd, Chairman
David Allen
Earl Barrs
Gene Bishop
Bob Rutland
Loyce Turner
Tom Wheeler
Bill Carruth, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Bill Archer
Jenny Lynn Bradley
Joe Hatfield
Mabel Jenkins
Ray Lambert
Jim Tysinger
Jim Walters

Visitors

Ron Bradford, Music Visions
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund
Will Wingate, Georgia Conservancy
Walter Jones, Morris News Service
Shana Udvardy, Georgia Conservancy
Shirl Parsons, Georgia Wildlife Federation
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation
Aaron Estis, The Estis Group
Lee Lemke, Georgia Mining Association
Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation
Jackie Jackson Teel, Savannah Metro Planning Commission

Staff Members

Chris Clark
Carol Couch
Paul Burkhalter
Todd Holbrook
Susan Shipman
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Marlin Gottschalk
Ray Luce
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Jill Andrews
Susan Reeves
Brad Gane
Steve Friedman
Jennifer Kaduck
Linda MacGregor
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Terry West
Doralyn Kirkland
Jim Ussery
Lon Revall
Bill Donohue
Ronnie Phillips
Mary Ann Evans
Yolanda Fanning

The September 22, 2009 meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Bill Carruth. Chairman Carruth called on Warren Budd, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee.

Mr. Budd called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate, for presentation of acquisition (donation) of a conservation easement over 1,205.8± acres of real property, Conasauga River, Dellinger Conservation Easement, Murray County.

Mr. Friedman stated that this property is a large in-holding in the Chattahoochee National Forest, which has the Consasuga River flowing directly through the middle of the property. He further stated that the property contains high-quality low-elevation Blue Ridge forest, especially rich, mesic hardwoods over limestone and xeric pine woodlands. He added that the property contains access to habitat for several rare and endangered species and that protection of this property is directly aligned with the goals of the State Wildlife Action Plan.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would like to request that the Committee recommend to the Board adoption of the Resolution.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Wheeler, seconded by Mr. Bishop and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for acquisition (donation) of a conservation easement over 1,205.8± acres of real property, Conasauga River, Dellinger Conservation Easement, Murray County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.