

Minutes
Land Acquisition Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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January 24, 2012

Attending:

Committee Members

Loyce Turner, Chairman
Bill Carruth, Vice Chairman
Joe Hatfield
Walter Hudson
Duncan Johnson
Rob Leebern
Philip Watt, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell
Dennis Billew
Mabel Jenkins
Ray Lambert
Mark Mobley
Mark Smith
Jim Walters
Philip Wilheit
Steven Woodruff

Visitors

Keilani Kimes-Parker, Attorney General's Office
Earl Barrs & Wanda Barrs, Knapp Barrs & Associates
Warren Budd, New York Life
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Indust4ry Environmental Coalition
Joseph Mendelson, Zoo Atlanta
Will Wingate, Georgia Conservancy
Leah Barnett, Georgia Conservancy
April Ingle, Georgia River Network
Chris Manganizno, Georgia River Network
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power
Daniel Groce, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Judson Turner
Todd Holbrook
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dan Forster
Dave Crass
Becky Kelley
Kyle Pearson
Steve Friedman
Bryan Tucker
Mike Harris
Elizabeth Starkey
Jac Capp
Linda MacGregor
Mark Smith
Lauren Curry
Ben Stowers
Wally Woods
Paul Nelson
Jim Ussery
Doralyn Kirkland
Cathy Barnette
Thomas Floyd
Eddie Henderson
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

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Brant Lane, Consultant

Steven Hart, Attorney

Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

Julie Cohen, Upper Chattahoochee RiverKeeper

Tas Smith, Georgia Farm Bureau

John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance

Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation

Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation

The January 24, 2012 meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Philip Watt.

Chairman Watt called on Loyce Turner, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee.

A motion was made by Dr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Hudson and carried unanimously that the Land Acquisition go into Executive Session pursuant to Georgia Code Section 50-14-2(1) for the purpose of consulting and meeting with legal counsel pertaining to the Nelson versus Georgia Sheriff's Youth Home litigation pending in the Troup County Superior Court. (Affidavit for closing meeting attached hereto and made a part hereof)

A briefing was given by Keilani Kimes-Parker of the Attorney General's Office.

At the end of the Executive Session, the Land Acquisition Committee was reopened to the public.

Dr. Turner called on Steve Friedman for presentation of two items for consideration.

Mr. Friedman stated that the first item for consideration was granting of a revocable license over 0.058± of an acre by the State Properties Commission to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the replacement of the existing Clarks Bridge over Lake Lanier at State Route 284, Chattahoochee River, Lake Lanier, Hall County.

Mr. Friedman stated that the replacement of the bridge is necessary to provide for the safety of those who use Clarks Bridge Road/SR 284. He further stated that GDOT has requested a temporary construction easement for the purpose of allowing some of the contractor's grading equipment to encroach onto the Department's property. He added that the completion of this project will improve traffic operations and access to Hall County's Clarks Bridge Park.

Mr. Friedman stated that the affected property is Heritage Preserve designated and that the Parks Division recommends the activity not be considered a Change of Use, because it will cover less than a tenth of an acre. He further stated that there will not be any permanent change to the subject area, the activity will not last longer than three years under any circumstances, and GDOT will restore the property to its pre-license condition. He added that no adverse impact of any interest of the Department has been identified relative to operations.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would like to request the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve this item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Carruth and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant the Georgia Department of Transportation a revocable license over 0.058± of an acre of State property for the purpose of replacing the existing Clarks Bridge over Lake Lanier at State Route 284, Chattahoochee River, Lake Lanier, Hall County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Mr. Friedman stated that the final item for consideration was the granting of a revocable license and permanent easement by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) for the installation, operation, and maintenance of electrical power lines over a portion of the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center in Jasper County.

Mr. Friedman stated that the program manager at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center contacted the Real Estate Office to request a revocable license and permanent easement to allow electrical service for the expansion of the shooting range. He further stated that the construction phase has begun for trap and skeet fields, and in order to proceed with the next phase of construction, it will be necessary to have electric service to the site. He added that the new line will originate from an existing power line on the property.

Mr. Friedman stated that no adverse impact of any interest of the Department has been identified relative to operations. He further stated that the revocable license will be converted to a permanent easement by the General Assembly.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would like to request the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve this item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Hatfield and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission and General Assembly approval to grant Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation a revocable license and permanent easement for the purpose of installing, maintaining and operating electrical power lines to provide power to a portion of the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, Jasper County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.