

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

February 29, 2012

Attending:

Committee Members

Loyce Turner, Chairman
Walter Hudson, Vice Chairman
Dennis Billew
Bill Carruth
Steven Woodruff
Philip Watt, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Smith
Philip Wilheit

Visitors

Jim Scarbrough, Gwinnett Water Resources
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Lauren Bush, Georgia Forestry Commission
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
David Word, Joe Tanner & Associates
Chris Manganeillo, Georgia River Network
Carolyn Part, Oglethorpe Power

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Todd Holbrook
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Dave Crass
Lauren Curry
Kyle Pearson
Steve Friedman
Jac Capp
Linda MacGregor
Ben Stowers
Jim Ussery
Doralyn Kirkland
Connie Buck
Eddie Henderson
Zachary Harris
Cathy Barnette
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

The February 29, 2012 meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Philip Watt.

Chairman Watt called on Loyce Turner, Chairman, Land Acquisition Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated that the first item for consideration was for disposition of 27± acres, Outdoor Therapeutic Center (OTC), White County. He further stated that in 2010 Legislation was passed requiring the State Properties Commission (SPC) to study all state-owned lands and buildings to identify any tracts that did not have restrictions which would preclude a sale. He added that once such properties were identified, SPC met with each State Agency to make sure a sale would not impact the mission of the agency.

Mr. Friedman stated that since there are no restrictions on the OTC tract, potentially the entire tract could have been sold, but DNR plans to use the remainder of the tract as a Wildlife Management Area (WMA), and is in discussion with White County that would allow them to use a portion of it. He further stated that adjacent to the OTC tract, the County has some recreational land which includes walking trails that could be expanded onto DNR land, therefore improving the public's recreational opportunities on both tracts.

Mr. Friedman stated that since the approximately 27 acre parcel is separated from the main tract by Mauldin Road, DNR concluded it could be sold without impacting the planned use of the remainder of the tract. He further stated that SPC was in agreement with this decision and has requested DNR seek Board approval to this sale, and that no adverse impact of any interest of DNR has been identified relative to this sale.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would like to request that the Committee recommend Board approval for the item as presented.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Billew, seconded by Mr. Carruth and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to seek State Properties Commission and General Assembly approval for the disposition of 27± acres, Outdoor Therapeutic Center, White County, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Mr. Friedman stated that the final item for consideration was renewal of lease with Georgia Power Company, 5.158± acres of real property at Bartlett's Ferry Boat Ramp, Harris County. He further stated that it is a popular facility with the public and is located on Lake Harding, north of Columbus. He added that the current lease is for 25 years and expires September 30, 2012.

Mr. Friedman stated that the proposal is to renew the lease for another 25 years at no cost to DNR. He further stated that he would like to thank Georgia Power for their partnership on this project.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Billew, seconded by Mr. Woodruff and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for renewal of lease with Georgia Power Company over 5.158± acres of real property at Bartlett's Ferry Boat Ramp, Harris County, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.