

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

**January 22, 2013**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Walter Hudson, Chairman  
Dennis Billew  
Duncan Johnson  
Mark Mobley  
Philip Watt, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison  
William Bagwell  
Dwight Davis  
Phyllis Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Rob Leebern  
Aaron McWhorter  
Paul Shailendra  
Bodine Sinyard  
Mark Smith  
Philip Wilheit  
Dee Yancey

Visitors

State Representative Tom Kirby  
State Representative Debbie Buckner  
Leon Watkins, K & M Inert Landfills  
Jerry Murkerson, City of Hawkinsville  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company  
Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power Company  
Max Zygoront, Mowery Meezan Coddington Cloud LLP  
Murray Griffin, Atlantic Coast Consulting  
Don Collins, National Solid Wastes Management Association  
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Ward Black, Langdale Industries  
Ashley Megatt, Georgia Municipal Association  
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance  
Phil Zinsmeister, Sierra Club

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Jud Turner  
Homer Bryson  
Spud Woodward  
Dan Forster  
Becky Kelley  
Dave Crass  
Steve Friedman  
Mark Whitney  
Eddie Henderson  
Keith Bentley  
Jac Capp  
Lauren Curry  
Kyle Pearson  
Zachary Harris  
Jim Ussery  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Tim Wright  
Stephen Adams  
Jeff Cown  
Russ Pennington  
Taylor Brown  
Mary Ann Evans  
Cathy Barnette

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Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network

Thomas Farmer, The Nature Conservancy

Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power

Dave Williams, Metro Atlanta Chamber

The January 22, 2013 meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Philip Watt. Chairman Watt introduced and welcomed the five new Board Members: Nancy Addison, Dwight Davis, Paul Shailendra, Bodine Sinyard, and Dee Yancey.

Chairman Watt recognized State Representatives Debbie Buckner and Tom Kirby.

Chairman Watt called on Walter Hudson, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate, to present several items for action.

Mr. Friedman stated that the first item for consideration was a recommendation and request for Executive Order to transfer real property from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the Department of Agriculture (DOA), Georgia Agricultural Exposition Center and Fairgrounds, 1,048± acres, Houston County.

Mr. Friedman stated that in 2011 the General Assembly passed a law which assigns the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority from DNR to DOA for administrative purposes and as a result, this property, which is under the custody and control of DNR, needs to be transferred by Executive Order to the custodianship and control of DOA.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Billew, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to request an Executive Order to transfer real property from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture, Georgia Agricultural Exposition Center and Fairgrounds, 1,048± acres, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Mr. Friedman stated that the next item for consideration is for approval to enter into a 50-year Intergovernmental Agreement between White County and the Department of Natural Resources for management of 1,000± acres, Unicoi State Park, Outdoor Therapeutic Center Tract, White County.

Mr. Friedman stated that White County and DNR have been in discussion, which would grant the County use of the Outdoor Therapeutic Center Tract to provide the public access for recreation and County meetings, office space, storage and training. He further stated that the County will be responsible for any costs associated with operating and equipping the property as a recreation site and county facility.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Billew, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to enter into a 50-year Intergovernmental Agreement with White County for the management of 1,000± acres,

Unicoi State Park, Outdoor Therapeutic Center Tract, White County, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Mr. Friedman stated that the final item for consideration was for disposition of 0.052± acres, Christine C. Hortman Boat Ramp Tract, Crawford County. He further stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation contacted DNR to request the transfer of custodianship and control of 0.052± acres located in Crawford County along the Flint River for the purpose of completing a bridge replacement project off the southeast side of State Route 128 on the east side of the Flint River near the Town of Roberta in Crawford County.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Billew, seconded by Mr. Johnson, 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 for disposition to the Georgia Department of Transportation of 0.052± acres, Christine C. Hortman Boat Ramp Tract, Crawford County, as presented. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.