

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

March 25, 2013

Attending:

Committee Members

William Bagwell, Chairman
Mark Mobley, Vice Chairman
Dwight Davis
Duncan Johnson
Bill Jones
Mike Phelps
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey
Rob Leebern, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Walter Hudson
Phyllis Johnson
Ray Lambert
Aaron McWhorter
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard

Visitors

Brant Lane
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Max Zygmunt, MZCZ Law
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
David Word, Joe Tanner & Associates
Chris Manganeillo, Georgia River Network
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Michael Pisciotta, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ward Black, Longdale Industries
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance
Todd Holbrook, Georgia Wildlife Federation

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Becky Kelley
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Jac Capp
Keith Bentley
Linda MacGregor
Mark Whitney
John Bowers
Eddie Henderson
Kyle Pearson
Zachary Harris
Jim Ussery
Mary Ann Evans
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Terry West
Stephen Adams
David Webb
Mary Walker

The March 25, 2013 meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on William Bagwell, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item for consideration was approval to enter into a 25 year lease agreement with John Bell Holdings, LLC, Claxton Family Limited Partnership I, Eubanks-Eggert Family Limited Partnership, and Bank of America, N.A. as Trustee for Irene Claxton for 1.5± acres of real property at the State Field Boat Ramp at the Oconee River in Laurens County. He added this project will promote and enhance boating and fishing opportunities in this area.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Dr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried unanimously that the committee recommends that the Board adopt the resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a twenty five year lease agreement with John Bell Holdings, LLC, Claxton Family Limited Partnership I, Eubanks-Eggert Family Limited Partnership, and Bank of America, N.A. as Trustee for Irene Claxton for 1.5± acres of real property at the State Field Boat Ramp at the Oconee River in Laurens County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration was a recommendation and request for Executive Order to transfer real property from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to DNR of 29.08± acres and disposition of 7± acres, Bullard Creek Wildlife Management Area, Baxley Wilderness Program, Appling County.

Mr. Friedman stated the Baxley Wilderness Program, an outdoor therapeutic recreation for youthful offender program ceased operations and the DJJ's Board approved to transfer custody of the property back to DNR. He further stated the Department has consulted with State Properties Commission and concluded the front 7± acres of the 29.08± acre tract could be sold without impacting the planned use of the remainder of the tract.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Dr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the committee recommends that the Board approve the resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the transfer of real property from the DJJ to DNR of 29.08± acres and the disposition of 7± acres, Bullard Creek Wildlife Management Area, Baxley Wilderness Program, Appling County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration was the acquisition (donation) of 25± acres of real property, Bond Tract via The Conservation Fund (TCF), Chief Vann House Historic Site, Murray

County. He further stated TCF will reserve an easement to extend the Pinhoti Trail over the property which will improve the property's recreational benefits.

Mr. Friedman stated that he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the items as presented.

A motion was made by Dr. Watt, 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 for the acquisition of 25± acres of real property Bond Tract via the Conservation Fund, Chief Vann House Historic Site, Murray County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item for consideration was the approval to subgrant a Civil War Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant through the National Park Service to The Trust for Public Land, Georgia Piedmont Land Trust, and Athens Land Trust (collectively "the Trusts") through a subgrant agreement to allow Georgia Piedmont Land Trust to purchase and to allow Athens Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement over the 132± Lost Mountain Tract in Cobb County.

Mr. Friedman stated the Trust for Public Land approached the Department in late 2012 about collaborating with DNR in applying for a Civil War Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant, because these grants are only issued to government entities. He further stated the awarded grant, in the amount of \$2, 011, 551, would be subgranted to the Trusts to acquire the fee simple interest and conservation easement in the property as well as to help pay for the acquisition costs.

Mr. Friedman stated he would request the committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Dr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the committee recommends that the Board adopt the resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to subgrant a Civil War Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant through the National Park Service to the Trust of Public Land, Georgia Piedmont Land Trust, Athens Land Trust ("the Trusts") through a subgrant agreement to allow Georgia Piedmont Land Trust to purchase and to allow Athens Land Trust to acquire a conservation easement over the 132± acres of Lost Mountain Tract in Cobb County, as presented.

Mr. Bagwell stated that it had been noticed on the agenda that the Land Acquisition Committee would hold an Executive Session at the conclusion of the public meeting, and he invited all Board Members to attend.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Dr. Watt, and carried unanimously by Mr. Mobley, Mr. Davis, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Phelps, Mr. Wilheit, and Mr. Yancey that the Land Acquisition Committee go into Executive Session in accordance with the O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)(B), in order to discuss the authorization of negotiations to purchase property. (Affidavit attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.