

Minutes
Land Acquisition Committee
Georgia Southern University
Nessmith-Lane Conference Center
Ballroom (#1601)
847 Plant Drive
Statesboro, GA 30458

June 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 Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Ray Lambert
Aaron McWhorter
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Mark Smith

Visitors

Neill Herring
Harlan Proveaux
James Hayes
Connie Hayes
Lynn Lewis-Weis, National Wild Turkey Federation
Barbara LoRusso
Lance LoRusso
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Emily Markesteyn, Ogeechee Riverkeeper
Al Hackle, Statesboro Herald
Rayban Anderson
Bob Lane
Dallas Whitman
Willis Wood

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Eddie Henderson
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Lauren Curry
Zachary Harris
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Wally Woods
John Bowers
John Biagi
Jan Sammons
Nap Caldwell
Stephanie Busch
Doralyn Kirkland
Jeff Weaver
Walter Rabon
John Martin
Mark Whitney
Keith Bentley
Cindy Miller
Bob Lynn
Jeff Swift
Scott Klingel
Mary Walker
Jeff Cown
Stephen Adams
Bill Donahue

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Phil Odom, Liberty Regional Water Council
John Edwards, Peaceofficers Association of Georgia
Todd Holbrook, Georgia Wildlife Federation
Don Cheek
Reggie Dickey, Georgia Hunting and Fishing Federation
Bobby McLemore, Ben Hill County Sheriff
Ladson O'Connor, Montgomery County Sheriff
Scott Brunson, Statesboro Police Department
Jon Burns, Georgia House of Representatives
Ben Stowers, Natural Resources Foundation
Bill Archer

Ronnie Phillips

The June 25, 2013 meeting of the Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by 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 the Board's consideration was the recommendation to support the change of use of 3.146± acres of a Heritage Preserve dedicated area, the Robert Byrd Tract- Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area, Houston County.

Mr. Friedman stated a change of use will permit the Georgia Department of Transportation to acquire a revocable license and a permanent right-of-way easement over 3.146± acres at the Robert Byrd Tract for the purpose of widening the existing State Route 96.

Mr. Friedman stated a number of erosion-control and mitigation measures will be implemented to minimize the impact after construction. He further stated following construction, the area will be graded and grassed to return the land to its original condition.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the recommendation to support the change of use of 3.146± acres of a Heritage Preserve dedicated area, the Robert Byrd Tract- Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area, Houston County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration would be the granting of a Revocable License and Permanent Easement over 3.146± acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the purpose of widening State Route 96 at the Robert Byrd Tract- Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area, Houston County.

Mr. Friedman stated the approval of the permanent easement would be granted by both the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the granting of a Revocable License and Permanent Easement

over 3.146± acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the purpose of widening State Route 96 at the Robert Byrd Tract- Oaky Woods Wildlife Management Area, Houston County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item for consideration would be the granting of a Revocable License and Permanent Easement of 0.72± acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to the Georgia Power Company for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating underground utility lines providing power to the trash compactor at Sapelo Island Wildlife Management Area, McIntosh County.

Mr. Friedman stated that because the use of the utility lines will benefit DNR, the Department recommends that the fee be waived.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Dr. Watt and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the granting of a Revocable License and Permanent Easement of 0.72± acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to the Georgia Power Company for the purpose of installing, maintaining, and operating underground utility lines providing power to the trash compactor at Sapelo Island Wildlife Management Area, McIntosh County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.