

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

**August 26, 2013**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

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

Board Members

Nancy Addison  
Phyllis Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Paul Shailendra  
Bodine Sinyard  
Mark Smith

Visitors

Michael Pisciotta, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
John Worley, University of Georgia  
Melony Wilson, University of Georgia  
Craig Manganiello, Georgia River Network  
Lauren Joy, Southern Environmental Law Center  
Gordon Rogers, Flint Riverkeeper  
Charles Griffin, Georgia Pork Producers Association  
Terry Danforth, Georgia Pork Producers Association  
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club  
Juliet Cohen, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Greg Blount, Troutman Sanders  
Justin Wong, Troutman Sanders  
Gina Rogers, Georgia Wildlife Federation  
Todd Holbrook, Georgia Wildlife Federation  
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power  
Deb Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition  
Daniel Johnson, ARC  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company

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  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Russ Pennington  
Terry West  
Michael Chadwell  
Doug Haymans  
John Bowers  
John Biagi  
Jac Capp  
Keith Bentley  
Jeff Cown  
Mary Walker

The August 26, 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 consideration was the acquisition (purchase) of 363± acres of real property, Crockford Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Tarvin Tract, Walker County.

Mr. Friedman stated this tract will provide public access for hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and other outdoor activities. He further stated it is also popular for nontraditional uses like hang-gliding and caving.

Mr. Friedman stated the Pigeon Mountain region is identified as one of the Department's six priority focus areas selected based on the State Wildlife Action Plan.

Mr. Friedman stated the purchase price of the property was \$525,000, which was less than the appraised value. He further stated \$455,000 of the funding will come from the Fish and Wildlife Services Pittman-Robertson Grant and \$70,000 from the Lyndhurst Foundation.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Mobley 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 acquisition (purchase) of 363± acres of real property, Crockford Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Tarvin Tract, Walker County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration was entering into an amendment to extend the sublease between the Department of Natural Resources and Traina Enterprises, Inc., Red Top Mountain State Park, Bartow County.

Mr. Friedman stated the Department currently leases the property at Red Top Mountain from the Corps of Engineers and subleases the marina to Traina. He further stated this request will extend the date of the sublease with Traina to match the date of DNR's lease with the Corps of Engineers. He added the amendment would extend the sublease until 2031.

Mr. Friedman stated this amendment would increase the rate Traina pays the Department to sublease. He further stated it would also require customers and guests of the marina to purchase a parking pass. He added the Department estimates these changes will generate over \$50,000 in annual revenue.

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 Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into an amendment to extend the sublease between the Department of Natural Resources and Traina Enterprises, Inc., Red Top Mountain State Park, Bartow County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item for consideration was an amendment to the Conservation Easement with Walker County over 295± acres, Crockford Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area, McLemore Cove, Walker County.

Mr. Friedman stated DNR worked with Walker County to correct errors in the original easement and to protect the resources found on the tract during monitoring.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, 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 to enter into an amendment to the Conservation Easement with Walker County over 295± acres, Crockford Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area, McLemore Cove, Walker County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.