

Minutes
Committee of the Whole
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January 27, 2010

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Visitors

Honorable Brian Kemp, Secretary of State
Honorable Chip Pearson, State Senator, District 51
Alvin Townley, Boy Scouts of America
Scott Sorrels, Boy Scouts of America
Donna Yeomans, Senator Pearson's Assistant
Tracy Bonds, Aiken Grading
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Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia

Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce

Sally Bethea, Upper Chattahoochee RiverKeeper

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The January 27, 2010 meeting of the Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chairman Bill Carruth.

Chairman Carruth introduced newly-appointed Secretary of State Brian Kemp to the Board. Secretary Kemp stated that he was pleased to stop by to offer the Board of Natural Resources his continued support for the precious natural resources of the state. He further stated that his office would be glad to help in any way possible, and looked forward to a great working relationship between the agencies.

Chairman Carruth introduced Senator Chip Pearson to give introductory remarks for the presentation of the partnership between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Boy Scouts of America.

Senator Pearson stated that this was an important year not only for our state, but for the country, as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. He further stated that he would like to thank the Friends of Georgia State Parks for their continued involvement in this effort. He added that he would like to introduce Scott Sorrels, Area 9 President of Boy Scouts of America, and Alvin Townley, acclaimed author who has explored the legacy of scouting, to present a short PowerPoint on the aforementioned partnership.

Mr. Sorrels stated that the vision for the 100th Anniversary celebration is to share the powerful story of what the Boy Scout movement has done for the country in the past 100 years. He further stated that the partnership with DNR's Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division (PRHSD), is one of the cornerstones of this effort. He added that the objectives are to demonstrate that scouting is critical to our natural culture and communities; to instill pride within our state for what Boy Scouts has been, is, and will be; to reconnect and re-engage with scouting alumni; to strengthen ties between scouting entities, our state and our communities; and to grow programs, increase membership and volunteers and increase scouting's overall impact.

Mr. Sorrels stated that the core values for a Scout are to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. He further stated that these core values are still being taught to the youth of today, just as in the inception of the Boy Scouts some 100 years ago.

Mr. Sorrels then turned the presentation over the Alvin Townley.

Mr. Townley stated that due to the severe budget cuts this year Scouting could be a great help to the State Parks system in Georgia by participating in a statewide service project. He further stated that during 2010, each of the 13 Scout councils operating in Georgia will conduct a group service project in a local state park. He added that during 2010 and into the future, Georgia Scout councils will encourage Eagle Scout candidates to consider State Parks as they select their capstone service project.

Mr. Townley stated that the initiative will be formally announced by the Boy Scouts of America and Governor Sonny Perdue on February 11, at the State Capitol. He added that Verizon Wireless has generously stepped forward to help fund these projects through the Friends of Georgia State Parks.

Commissioner Clark stated that DNR is very excited about this project and appreciates the effort of the Boy Scouts to make this partnership happen.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.