

Minutes
Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

March 23, 2010

Attending:

Committee Members

Phyllis Johnson, Acting Chairman
Bill Archer
Gene Bishop
Joe Hatfield
Mabel Jenkins
Ray Lambert
Loyce Turner
Steven Woodruff
Jenny Lynn Bradley, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Earl Barrs
Dennis Billew
Warren Budd
Bill Carruth
Dwight Davis
Walter Hudson
Jim Walters
Tom Wheeler

Visitors

Dr. Mark Risse, Driftmier Engineering Center, UGA
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund
Thomas Farmer, The Nature Conservancy
Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
Mike Giles, Georgia Poultry Federation
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Bettie Sleeth, Homebuilders Association of Georgia
Helen Tapp, Trust for Public Land

Staff Members

Chris Clark
Allen Barnes
Paul Burkhalter
Todd Holbrook
Spud Woodward
Dave Crass
Marlin Gottschalk
Terry West
Paul Nelson
Jim Ussery
Doralyn Kirkland
Linda MacGregor
Thomas Barnard
John Bowers
Steve Friedman
Emily Hitchcock
Lauren Curry
Homer Bryson
Tami Morris
Mark Whitney
Connie Buck
Mike England
Jeff Weaver
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

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Mark Dickerson, Mountain Conservation Trust

Jim Kidd, Trout Unlimited

Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation

Will Wingate, Georgia Conservancy

The March 23, 2010 meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Jenny Lynn Bradley. Chairman Bradley introduced and welcomed Steven R. Woodruff as the new Board member from the Sixth District, replacing James W. Tysinger, whose term had expired. She called attention to the Resolution honoring Senator Tysinger and stated that the Board would vote on the Resolution at the full Board meeting on Wednesday, March 24.

Chairman Bradley called on Phyllis Johnson, Acting Chairman of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Committee in the absence of Chairman Philip Watt.

Mrs. Johnson called on Paul Nelson, Assistant Director of the Parks, Recreation and Historic Sites Division (PRHSD) for presentation of the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the North Georgia Mountains Authority (NGMA).

Mr. Nelson gave a PowerPoint presentation on the issue, stating that State budget conditions require a higher level of sustainability for state park lodges and golf courses. He further stated that State Park lodges are already assigned to NGMA as management projects under an existing IGA adopted in 2003.

Mr. Nelson stated that at its December 2, 2009 meeting, the Board approved amending the existing IGA to include seven golf courses and original lodge properties and the collaboration with NGMA on outsourcing efforts and operation of lodges and golf courses. He added that the NGMA adopted a similar motion at its November 30, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Nelson stated that NGMA along with DNR staff prepared a proposed IGA covering operation of State Park lodges and golf courses, as well as the following facilities: Brasstown Valley Resort, Lake Blackshear Resort, Smithgall Woods Conservation Area, Tallulah Gorge State Park (one parcel), and Walasi-Yi Center. He further stated that NGMA would engage DNR/PRHSD to provide contract oversight of vendors' performance for NGMA-managed projects or to maintain NGMA-managed projects, depending on results of the outsourcing efforts.

Mr. Nelson stated that NGMA would pay DNR/PRHSD a monthly management/maintenance fee equal to the net cash flow from the NGMA-managed projects. He further stated that DNR/PRHSD would be liable to NGMA for any deficit in the operating expenses of the NGMA projects. He further stated that DNR/PRHSD would operate certain projects on behalf of NGMA and that DNR would retain all revenue generated by these projects and would be responsible for all expenses.

Mr. Nelson stated that the proposed IGA would replace the existing IGA from 2003 and the letter of agreement between PRHSD and NGMA executed subsequent to the 2003 IGA.

Mr. Nelson stated that DNR/PRHSD staff recommends approval of the proposed IGA with NGMA to: (1) help achieve greater efficiencies through NGMA's expertise, best business practices and public/private partnership experience; and (2) provide DNR/PRHSD assistance/oversight through open procurements for State Park lodges and golf courses. (PowerPoint attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Hatfield, seconded by Mrs. Jenkins and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement not to exceed fifty years between the Department of Natural Resources and the North Georgia Mountains Authority for the joint or separate operations of the subject facilities named in the agreement. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part hereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.