# Minutes Board of Natural Resources

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

#### October 26th, 2016

### Attending:

**Board Members** 

William A. Bagwell, Chairman Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman

**Bodine Sinyard, Secretary** 

Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans

Duncan Johnson, Jr.

**Bill Jones** 

Ray Lambert, Jr.

Rob Leebern

**Mark Mobley** 

Matt Sawhill

**Brother Stewart** 

Miki Thomaston

Philip Watt

Philip Wilheit

Dee Yancey

#### Guests

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council

Kathleen Bowen, ACCG

**Christopher Bowers Southern Environmental Law Center** 

Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeepers

Mark Woodall, Sierra Club

Fuller Callaway, GEFA

David Word, Joe Tanner and Assoc.

Ronny Just, Georgia Power

Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy

Dan Moore, SGR

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**Terry West** 

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The October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Board Chairman William Bagwell.

Chairman Bagwell called on Jac Capp to introduce the Employee Focus speaker. Mr. Capp thanked the Chairman and introduced Liz Booth, Watershed Planning and Monitoring Program Manager.

Chairman Bagwell thanked Ms. Booth.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September Board meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the May Board meeting. (Minutes attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell called on Rick Dunn, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for his report.

Director Dunn updated the Board on the drought and Hurricane Matthew.

Chairman Bagwell called on Mark Williams, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, for his report.

Commissioner Williams updated the Board on the newly awarded Ranger of the Year; Georgia Trend Magazine cover; ADA compliance conference recognition; and Hurricane Matthew.

Commissioner Williams called on Doug Haymans, Policy Director of the Coastal Resources Division, for his report.

Mr. Haymans gave an update on Hurricane Mathew; the marine habitat conservation license plate; and the CRD climate conference.

Commissioner Williams called on Dr. Dave Crass, Director of the Historic Preservation Division, for his report.

Director Crass gave an update on Hurricane Matthew; the Historic Preservation Study Committee; the DNR Leadership Academy; and Congressional Field Office visits.

Commissioner Williams called on Colonel Eddie Henderson, Director of the Law Enforcement Division, for his report.

Director Henderson gave an update on Hurricane Matthew and the Kodiak Camera.

Commissioner Williams called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division, for her report.

Director Kelley updated the Board on Hurricane Matthew.

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Commissioner Williams called on Rusty Garrison, Director of the Wildlife Resources Division, for his report.

Director Garrison updated the Board on the Hurricane Matthew; Weekend for Wildlife; Game Check; and the Horse Creek Boat Ramp Dedication.

Chairman Bagwell called on Mr. Lambert for the Environmental Protection Committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. McWhorter and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Mr. Lambert stated that Mr. Sawhill would abstain from the following vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4. (Proposed Amendments attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell called on Mr. Mobley for the Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites report.

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the Georgia Plan for Outdoor Recreation 2017-2021/SCORP. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell called on Mr. Davis for the Land Committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 4,500± acres, Altamaha River-Sansavilla Wildlife Management Area, Sansavilla Tract-II, Wayne County. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Mobley and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 3,087± acres, Alligator Creek Tract, Wheeler County. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 1,115± acres, Fall Line Sandhills Wildlife Management Area, Coleman Tract, Taylor County. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part thereof)

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A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Leebern and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 500± acres, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, Forestar Tract, Paulding County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 391± acres, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, LP Tract, Paulding County. (Resolutions attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Stewart would recuse himself from the following vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .29± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 110 Shi Street, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .26± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 879 Oak Avenue, Houston County. (Resolutions attached hereto and a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval via Executive Order to demolish an old beach house at Indian Springs State Park, Butts County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Wilheit and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval and General Assembly approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.05± acres to Canoochee EMC, Evans County Public Fishing Area, Evans County. (Resolution attached hereto and a part thereof)

Chairman Bagwell stated that the next Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 13 at Lake Blackshear.

ATTEST:	William A. Bagwell, Jr., Chairman
odine Sinyard, Secretary	

# Minutes Environmental Protection Committee

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#### October 25th, 2016

## Attending:

**Committee Members** 

Ray Lambert, Chairman Dwight Evans, Vice Chairman

Dwight Davis Rob Leebern

**Aaron McWhorter** 

Mike Phelps

**Brother Stewart** 

**Philip Watt** 

**Board Members** 

William A. Bagwell, Jr., Chairman

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**Eric Coinwell** 

Jon Ambrose

The October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Protection Division was called to order by Chairman William Bagwell.

Chairman Bagwell called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee.

Mr. Lambert called on Ms. Karen Hayes, Chief of the Air Protection Branch of the Environmental Protection Division, to present the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, pertaining to Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction Emissions.

Ms. Hayes stated that industrial processes in air pollution control equipment are designed to be very efficient when they are operating normally. She further stated that equipment is not always operating normally; equipment must shut down and start back up. She added that when malfunctions occur during these processes, emissions can result that are in excess of the underlying emissions standard.

Ms. Hayes stated that EPD has developed a rule to address this time when excess emissions occur as a result of startup, shutdown, or malfunction events under certain limited conditions. She further stated that in May of last year, the Environmental Protection Agency issued a Finding of Substantial Inadequacy for Georgia State Implementation Plan (SIP). She added that this requires EPD to revise or remove the Excess Emissions Rule.

Ms. Hayes stated that the EPD disagrees with EPA's finding and Georgia is pursuing a dual track approach. She further stated that Georgia joined litigation led by Florida challenging the EPA's Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction (SSM) SIP Call. She added that currently they are working with stakeholders to revise the Rule to meet EPA's November 22, 2016 deadline.

Ms. Hayes stated that they will preserve the existing Excess Emissions Rule in case courts overturn EPA's SSM SIP Call. She further stated that they will replace the current rule with these options for startup and shutdown: 1) Comply at all times; or, 2) Follow General work practice standards; or, 3) Follow work practice standards in federal regulations for similar equipment; or, 4) Develop case-by-case work practices. She added that there is an option to develop case-by case work practices for periods of malfunction.

Ms. Hayes stated that EPD does preserve the option to default back to existing Excess Emissions rule if the courts overturn EPA's SSM SIP Call. She further stated that the new rules become active and supersede existing Excess Emissions Rule when they are formally approved by the EPA.

Ms. Hayes stated that the Board was initially briefed on June 28 and the initial public hearing was on August 3. She further stated that the Board was re-briefed on August 30 and a second public hearing was held on October 3. She added that on October 4, the comment period ended; two sets of comments were received and no changes recommended.

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Ms. Hayes stated that she requests favorable consideration of the proposed amendments.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1, as presented.

Mr. Lambert called on Ms. Karen Hayes, Chief of the Air Protection Branch of the Environmental Protection Division, to present the proposed amendments to the Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20.

Ms. Hayes stated that her second item today is a request for action on the proposed amendments to the Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance. She further stated that EPD's vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program covers 13 counties in the Atlanta Metro Area. She added that 2.8 million vehicles are tested each year.

Ms. Hayes stated that Phase V upgrades are required to keep up with technological advances. She further stated that this will require upgrade of software and/or testing equipment used by station owners and inspectors. She added that Phase V implementation has been underway since last year.

Ms. Hayes stated that the rule updates remove obsolete language and add new definitions and terminology. Ms. Hayes further stated that the Board was briefed on August 30, a public hearing was held in Atlanta on October 3 and that one set of comments was received during the public comment period and no changes were recommended. She added that she requests adoption of the rule revisions by the DNR Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Enhanced Inspection and Maintenance, Chapter 391-3-20, as presented.

Mr. Lambert called on Mr. Jeff Cown, Chief of the Land Protection Branch of the Environmental Protection Division, to present the proposed amendments to the Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4.

Mr. Cown stated that he has one action item before the Board, the proposed amendments to Rules for Solid Waste Management. He further stated that on October 19, 2015, U.S. EPA's Final Rule for the Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities ("CCR Rule") became effective. He added that the CCR Rule regulates CCR as a solid waste and provides rules for disposal and that states can choose whether or not to adopt the CCR Rule by reference.

Mr. Cown stated EPA's proposed amendments includes the following: 1) EPA's CCR Rule requirements by reference; 2) Requirements to manage the disposal of CCR at solid waste facilities in Georgia; 3) Requirement that a municipal solid waste landfill (MSWL) proposing to accept CCR, or to continue to accept CCR, shall submit a CCR Management Plan to EPD and notify the local government upon this submission; and 4) Recent changes to the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act that require a MSWL owner/operator to notify the local government of a release. He further stated that the

Georgia rule would include four additional criteria not included in the EPA rule: 1) Inactive CCR Landfills; 2) NPDES-CCR Surface Impoundments; 3) Dewatered Surface Impoundments; 4) Municipal Solid Waste Landfills.

Mr. Cown stated that the Georgia CCR Rule would require permits for all CCR units, financial assurance for all CCR units, groundwater monitoring for all CCR units, reporting for active CCR units, and MSWLs that accept CCR will be required to perform additional monitoring, submit a CCR Management Plan, and notify the host/local government. He further stated 1,012 comments were received from local governments, citizens, non-profit organizations, consulting firms, and other affected entities. He added that the comments included the following topics: concern regarding CCR disposed at MSWLs and onsite at electric utilities, requests for information on when and where CCR will be disposed, requests to clarify closure deadlines, and requests for additional monitoring requirements.

Mr. Cown stated that no changes to the proposed rules are recommended in response to comments received. He further stated that a stakeholder meeting was held in May and the Board was briefed on June 28. After two public hearings in July and August, he comes before the Board to request favorable consideration today.

Mr. Lambert called on the public speakers.

Mr. Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network, spoke in opposition of the proposed regulation changes.

Mr. Mark Woodall, Sierra Club, spoke in opposition of the proposed regulation changes.

Ms. Jillian Kyson, Southern Environmental Law Center, spoke in opposition of the proposed regulation changes.

Ms. Amelia Shenstone, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, spoke in opposition of the proposed regulation changes.

Mr. Dink NeSmith, the Press Sentinel, spoke in opposition of the proposed regulation changes.

Mr. Davis asked for clarification on regulations for transportation of CCRs.

Mr. Cown stated that there is regulation of substances on trains by the US Department of Transportation and on trucks by the Department of Public Safety. He further stated that there are requirements about containerized waste as it travels that are already written in the rules.

Ms. Thomason asked if citizen enforcement would go away with the new rule.

Mr. Cown stated that citizen enforcement will continue.

Discussion ensued pertaining to groundwater monitoring.

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A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Davis and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Solid Waste Management, Chapter 391-3-4, as presented.

#### **Minutes**

#### **Law Enforcement Committee**

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# Attending:

**Committee Members** 

Duncan Johnson, Chairman Philip Watt, Vice Chairman

Dwight Evans Mike Phelps Bodine Sinyard Brother Stewart Philip Wilheit Dee Yancey

**Board Members** 

William A. Bagwell, Jr., Chairman Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman

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Andrew Schock, TCF

Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeepers Jillian Kysor, Southern Environmental Law Center

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The October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Law Enforcement Committee was called to order by Chairman William Bagwell.

Chairman Bagwell called on Duncan Johnson, Jr., Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee. Chairman Johnson called Corporal Kate Hargrove of the Law Enforcement Division to give a presentation on trauma care.

#### **Minutes**

### Parks, Recreation & Historic Sites Committee

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# October 25th, 2016

#### Attending:

Committee Members
Mark Mobley, Chairman
Brother Stewart, Vice Chairman
Duncan Johnson
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert
Matt Sawhill
Miki Thomaston

**Board Members** 

William A. Bagwell, Jr., Chairman
Aaron McWhorter
Bodine Sinyard
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Shellby Johnson Richard Dunn Lauren Curry Jac Capp Jeff Cown Karen Hays Doralyn Kirkland Chuck Mueller Erin Ruoff Bert Langley Eric Coinwell Jon Ambrose The October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Committee was called to order by Chairman William Bagwell.

Chairman Bagwell called on Mark Mobley, Chairman of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Committee.

Mr. Mobley called on Becky Kelley, Director of the Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division, to brief the Board on the Georgia Plan for Outdoor Recreation 2017-2021.

Director Kelley stated that they have been working for over a year to update the Outdoor Recreation Plan for Georgia. She further stated that she presented it to the Board in a briefing in August and have held it for public comment since that time and received no public comment. She added that she was bringing it before the Board today for approval.

Director Kelley stated that she wanted to call attention to the four action statements: 1) Parks promote healthy communities; 2) Parks enhance economic vitality; 3) Parks conserve natural resources and 4) collaboration is necessary. Director Kelley further stated that she wanted to recognize Antoinette Norfleet for her efforts in the development of the document. She added that she would take any questions.

A motion was made by Ms. Thomaston, seconded by Mr. Sawhill and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the Georgia Plan for Outdoor Recreation 2017-2021.

# Minutes Land Committee

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## October 25th, 2016

### Attending:

**Committee Members** 

Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman

**Dwight Evans** 

**Bill Jones** 

Ray Lambert

Rob Leebern

Mark Mobley

Mike Phelps

#### **Board Members**

William A. Bagwell, Jr., Chairman

Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman

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The October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by William Bagwell, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Bagwell called on Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman of the Land Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated that the first item, Item A, is the 4,500± acre Sansavilla Tract- Stage II in Wayne County as an addition to the Altamaha River-Sansavilla Wildlife Management Area. He further stated that the plan to acquire this property involves three phases and the purchase would be from The Conservation Fund. He added that the Conservation Fund would retain timber rights for the first 11 years to lower the purchase price.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Lambert and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 4,500± acres, Altamaha River-Sansavilla Wildlife Management Area, Sansavilla Tract-II, Wayne County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the second item, Item B, is the 3,087± acre Alligator Creek Tract in Wheeler County. He further stated that this tract is considered one of the top 5 tracts in the state. He added that this will become a Wildlife Management Area available to the public.

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. Jones and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to acquire 3,087± acres, Alligator Creek Tract, Wheeler County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that the third item, Item C, is the acquisition of the Coleman Tract in Taylor County as an addition to the Fall Line Sandhills Wildlife Management Area. He further stated that this will double the size of the WMA and help protect gopher tortoise populations.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, 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 to acquire 1,115± acres, Coleman Tract, Fall Line Sandhills Wildlife Management Area, Taylor County, as presented.

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Mr. Friedman stated that the next two items, Items D and E, would be presented together. He further stated that Item D is the acquisition of the 500± acre Forestar Tract in Paulding County as an addition to the Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area. He added that Item E is the acquisition of 391± acre LP Tract in Paulding County as an addition to the Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Leebern and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the 500± acres of real property, Forestar Tract, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, Paulding County as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the 391± acres of real property, LP Tract, Paulding Forest Wildlife Management Area, Paulding County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next two items, Items F and G, would be presented together. He further stated that Item F is the acquisition of .29± acres at 110 Shi Street to buffer the Robins Air Force Base. He added that Item G is the acquisition of .26 acres at 879 Oak Avenue to buffer the Robins Air Force Base.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, 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 to purchase the .29± acres of real property, 110 Shi Street, Robins Air Force Base Project, Houston County as presented; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .26± acres of real property, 879 Oak Avenue, Robins Air Force Base, Houston County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item H requests an executive order to demolish an old beach house at Indian Springs State Park in Butts County. He further stated that Parks intends to demolish the building to construct a new group shelter.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek

State Properties Commission approval to request an Executive Order to demolish an old beach house at Indian Springs State Park, Butts County, as presented.

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Mr. Friedman stated that Item I would be the granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of .05± acres to the Canoochee EMC at the Evans County Public Fishing Area. He further stated that the power is needed for a new pavilion. He added that the recommendation is that this should be done at no-cost.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval and General Assembly approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of 0.05± acres to Canoochee EMC, Evans County Public Fishing Area, Evans County, as presented.

# Nominating Committee Minutes Board of Natural Resources

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November 22, 2016

### Attending:

Board Members
Philip Wilheit, Chair
Ray Lambert
Mark Mobley
Miki Thomaston
Dee Yancey

Staff Members
Cathy Barnette

Chairman Philip Wilheit called the November 22, 2016 meeting of the Nominating Committee to order.

Chairman Wilheit opened the floor for the slate of officers for 2017.

Ray Lambert moved to nominate Mr. Duncan Johnson, Jr. for Chairman, Mr. Aaron McWhorter for Vice Chairman, and Mr. Bodine Sinyard for Secretary.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously to nominate the following officers for 2017: Mr. Duncan Johnson Jr., Chairman; Mr. Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman; Mr. Bodine Sinyard, Secretary.