Minutes Land Committee Red Top Mountain Visitor Center 50 Lodge Road, SE Acworth, GA 30102

September 28, 2021 9:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members

Dwight Evans, Chair Dwight Davis, Vice Chair

William Bagwell Randy Dellinger Patrick Denney

Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Bodine Sinyard

Dee Yancey, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Miki Thomaston

Nancy Addison Nick Ayers Joe Hatfield Duncan Johnson Ray Lambert Paul Shailendra Gary Vowell

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner

Walter Rabon Kyle Pearson Kate Iannuzzi Cathy Barnette Donald Kirkland Artica Gaston Thomas Barnard

Jeff Cown

Steve Friedman Doug Haymans

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Taylor Brown

Richard Dunn, Director

John Eunice Jac Capp Karen Hays Chuck Mueller Laura Williams Minutes – Land Committee September 28, 2021 Page 2

The September 28, 2021 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Dee Yancey, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Yancey called on Dwight Evans, Chairman of the Land Committee. Mr. Evans called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item is the renewal of a Twenty-Five (25) Year Lease with the Department of Transportation (GDOT) of 1.6± acres, Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site, Glynn County. He further stated the Department first entered into this lease with the GDOT in December 1996, and the 1.6 acres has a parking lot and trail head on it and will be renewed at no cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Dellinger, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the Renewal of a Twenty-Five (25) Year Lease with the Department of Transportation (GDOT) of 1.6± acres, Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site, Glynn County.

Mr. Friedman stated the second item is requesting approval to enter into an agreement with Echols County to lease the 2.2± acres, Echols County Boat Ramp. He further stated the Department has operated a boat ramp at this location since the mid-1990s and will renew the lease at no cost for a twenty-five (25) year term. He added the County will provide general maintenance at no cost to the Department. He further added the Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) will continue to operate the boat ramp and parking area and perform any structural and maintenance repairs, as needed. He stated that no renovations are currently planned.

A motion was made by Mr. New, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into an agreement with Echols County to lease the 2.2± acres, Echols County Boat Ramp.

Mr. Friedman stated the third item is requesting a Revocable License Agreement (RLA) and Permanent Easement (PE) be granted to Greystone Power Corporation at Sheffield Forest WMA, in Paulding County. He further stated that Greystone Power Corporation has requested a RLA and PE of up to 1,500 feet to install buried underground power lines to a residence that can only be accessed through the WMA. He added the area is not Heritage Preserve dedicated, therefore a change of use is not necessary. He further added that providing buried underground power lines requires a RLA be issued by the State Properties Commission (SPC) and a PE be

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granted by the General Assembly (GA). He stated that since the power lines has no benefit to the Department, SPC will determine a cost for this request.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Dellinger, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the Granting of a Revocable License Agreement (RLA) and Permanent Easement (PE) of up to 1,500 feet by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Greystone Power Corporation at Sheffield Forest WMA, in Paulding County.

Mr. Evans stated that Item D, regarding the demolition of a barn located on Clybel WMA, in Jasper County, was approved by the Land Committee on August 24, 2021, so no action was required from the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.