

Minutes
Board of Natural Resources Meeting
Lake Blackshear Resort Conference Center
Ballroom A
2459-H US Highway 280 West
Cordele, GA 31015

December 13, 2016

Attending:

Board Members

William Bagwell, Chairman
Aaron McWhorter, Vice Chairman
Bodine Sinyard, Secretary
Nancy Addison
Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert, Jr.
Mark Mobley
Matt Sawhill
Paul Shailendra
Brother Stewart
Miki Thomaston
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Ronnie Just, Georgia Power
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Mark Walker, Georgia Natural Resources Foundation
Mark Osterhaus, Coral Hospitality
Christopher Schaeffer, Coral Hospitality

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Artica Gaston
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Col. Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Bill Donohue
John Erbele
Jac Capp
Richard Dunn
Lauren Curry
Jeff Cown
John Bowers
Chuck Mueller
Bill Murphey
Josh Purdy, *Parks*
James Hamilton, *NGMA*

The December 13, 2016 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Board Chairman William Bagwell.

Chairman Bagwell stated that there would be an NGMA meeting, following the Board meeting today.

Chairman Bagwell called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October Board meeting and the November conference call meeting of the 2017 Nominating Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the October Board meeting and the November conference call meeting of the 2017 Nominating Committee.
(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 Agricultural Permitting Program; an executive order from the Governor; the water metering program; the Corps of Engineers Water Control Manual; Legislation for the 2017 Session; and the petroleum pipeline.

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

Commissioner Williams updated the Board on a donation from Coral Hospitality to the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation; response to the wildfires; and the 2017 Legislative Session.

Commissioner Williams called on Spud Woodward, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, for his report.

Director Woodward gave an update on the status of the proposed private recreational dock rules; Shrimp fishery update; and marine debris and sunken/derelect vessels from Hurricane Matthew.

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

Director Crass updated the Board on the Historic Preservation Study Committee and the DNR Leadership Academy.

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

Colonel Henderson updated the Board on the Thanksgiving Holiday activity; the Quest Kodiak Camera; and the LED Headquarters' new office.

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

Director Kelley updated the Board on online gift cards; Stephen C. Foster State Park's Dark Sky Designation; and the RTM Eagle Release.

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

Director Garrison updated the Board on the WRD Fire Response; Gopher Tortoises; the Lifetime License Giveaway; and Weekend for Wildlife.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, 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 the 90± acres conservation easement and the quit claim of 698± acres of marsh, Musgrove Plantation Stage II, St. Simons Land Trust, Glynn County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, 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 .58± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 1105 Southern Avenue, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .25± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 820 Pine Street, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .3± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 101 Shi Street, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .51± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 107 Wyler Avenue, Houston County; the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to purchase the .36± acres of real property, Robins Air Force Base Buffer Project, 403 Baker Road, Houston County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to surplus the 1,080± acres of real property, Savannah River-Abercorn Island, Effingham County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, seconded by Mr. Mobley 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 1.86± acres to Bleckley County, Ocmulgee Wildlife Management Area, Bleckley County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Shailendra, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission

approval to enter into a 25-year lease agreement with Monroe County, 1± acre, Popes Ferry Boat Ramp, Monroe County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Mr. Bagwell called on Mr. Wilheit for a report from the Nominating Committee for the 2017 Officers.

Mr. Wilheit stated that the Committee met via Conference call and determined the following slate of officers: Mr. Johnson, Chairman; Mr. McWhorter, Vice Chairman; and Mr. Sinyard, Secretary.

Mr. Bagwell reminded the Board of the Weekend for Wildlife meeting following the NGMA Meeting and encouraged all members to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

William Bagwell, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Jeff Bodine Sinyard, Secretary