

Minutes
Land Acquisition Committee
Amicalola Falls Lodge
Oak Hall Ballroom
418 Amicalola Falls Lodge Road
Dawsonville, GA 30534

September 23, 2014

Attending:

Committee Members

William Bagwell, Chairman
Mike Phelps, Vice Chairman
Dwight Evans
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Dee Yancey
Philip Wilheit, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Ray Lambert
Aaron McWhorter
Mark Mobley
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Philip Watt

Visitors

Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Austin Hackney, Home Builders Association of Georgia

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Becky Kelley
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Mary Kathryn Yearata
Mary Walker
Wally Woods
Jeff Weaver
Stephen Adams
John Martin
Mark Whitney
Brooks Varnell

The September 23, 2014 Land Acquisition Committee was called to order by Chairman Philip Wilheit.

Chairman Wilheit called on William Bagwell, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee, who called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item for consideration would be the acquisition of 2.12± acres of real property, Fort King Georgia Historic Site, Bluestein Tract.

Mr. Friedman stated the Bluestein Tract is a small but valued tract for the Fort King George Historic Site. He further stated it adjoins the historic site and is likely to possess historical artifacts and graves from a Spanish mission complex. He added the property has a 2,028 sq. ft. storage building which PRHSD will be able to utilize.

Mr. Friedman stated Mr. Bluestein will sell the tract to the Department for \$250,000. He further stated funds for the acquisition will come from DNR Bond 120.

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. Yancey 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 (purchase) 2.12± acres of real property, Fort King George Historic Site, Bluestein Tract, McIntosh County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated the next item for consideration would be the acquisition of 210± acres of real property at the Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area known as the Noblin Tract.

Mr. Friedman stated the Noblin Tract will provide additional protection along Amicalola Creek and its tributaries. He further stated the tract is an inholding within the state owned 15,000 acres Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area and that acquiring it will connect portions of the WMA that are currently separated. He added the acquisition will make management more efficient and improve the public's ability to access it.

Mr. Friedman stated the purchase price of the tract is \$1,075,000 and funds to purchase the tract will come from private donations, federal and state sources.

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

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

State Properties Commission to acquire (purchase) 210± acres of real property, Dawson Forest Wildlife Management Area, Noblin Tract, Dawson County, as presented.

Mr. Freidman state the final item for consideration would be the granting of a revocable license and permanent easement of 1.03± by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to Coastal Electric Membership Corporation for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining underground distribution lines for a new Maintenance Facility within the Townsend Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Friedman stated the WMA currently has no maintenance facility to store equipment or supplies. He further stated since the revocable license and permanent easement will benefit the Department, the Department recommends that the revocable license be granted at no cost.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, 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 grant a revocable license and permanent easement of 1.03± acres by the State Properties Commission and the General Assembly to Coastal Electric Membership Corporation for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining underground distribution lines for a new Maintenance Facility within the Townsend Wildlife Management Area, McIntosh County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.