

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

Tuesday, February 22, 2022
9:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members

Nancy Addison, Chair
Rob Leebern, Vice Chair
William Bagwell
Randy Dellinger
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Tim Lowe
Paul Shailendra
Miki Thomaston
Gary Vowell
Dee Yancey
Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Nick Ayers
Dwight Davis
Patrick Denney
Dwight Evans
Ray Lambert
Billy New
Bodine Sinyard

Guests

Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Tim Earl, Georgia Power
Deb Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Urban Ag Council
Kevin Jeselnik, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Rena Peck, Georgia River Network

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Kate Iannuzzi
Donald Kirkland
Cathy Barnette
Alexandrea Solomon
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Ted Will
Doug Haymans

Richard Dunn, Director
John Eunice
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Anna Truszczynski
Laura Williams

The February 22, 2022 meeting of the Coastal Resources Committee was called to order by Bill Jones, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Jones called on Rob Leebern, Vice Chair and Acting Chair of the Coastal Resources Division.

Mr. Leebern stated there is a vacancy on the Coastal Marshlands Protection and Shore Protection Committees with the recent resignation of Mr. Zach Harris. He further stated the CRD staff received six nominations for consideration. He added that this nomination will complete Mr. Harris' term ending December 31, 2022 and will be eligible for appointment to a full term at that time.

Mr. Leebern stated that after consultation with Chairman Bill Jones, Ms. Nancy Addison, and Director Doug Haymans, he would like to propose that the Committee recommend that the Board approve the appointment of Dr. Valerie Hepburn to the Coastal Marshlands Protection and Shore Protection Committees.

A motion was made by Mr. Leebern, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, and carried unanimously that the Coastal Committee recommend the Board approve the appointment of Dr. Valerie Hepburn to the Coastal Marshlands Protection and Shore Protection Committees, to complete the term of Mr. Zach Harris, ending December 31, 2022.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.