Minutes Board of Natural Resources DNR Boardroom 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE Suite 1252, East Tower

Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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The February 25, 2025 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources was called to order by Lesley Reynolds, Chairwoman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairwoman Reynolds called on Lonice Barrett, former Department of Natural Resources Commissioner, to give the moment of inspiration.

Chairwoman Reynolds adjourned the Board meeting to move into the Committee meetings.

Chairwoman Reynolds called the February 25, 2025 meeting of the Board of Natural Resources to order.

Chairwoman Reynolds called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Natural Resources meeting on January 31, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the Board of Natural Resources meeting on January 31, 2025.

Chairwoman Reynolds called on John Eunice, Deputy Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for his report.

Deputy Director Eunice updated the Board on EPD's legislative priorities during this legislative session, as well as new PM2.5 Designation Recommendations, and the announcement of the new U.S. EPA Regional Administrator. He further recognized Brian Robinson as the new HR Director for EPD, as well as recognizing Bob Scott for 40 years of service to the state, and Kelly Kitchens for 30 years of service to the state.

Deputy Director Eunice stated this concluded his report.

Chairwoman Reynolds called on Walter Rabon, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, for his report.

Commissioner Rabon gave an update on the 2025 legislative session. Commissioner Rabon stated that HB 287, sponsored by Chairman Rhodes of the Game, Fish and Parks Committee, was approved by the House on February 24, 2025, and will be transmitted to the Senate. He further stated HB 208, sponsored by Chairwoman Smith of the Natural Resources and Environment Committee, is expected to be voted on by the House later in the week. He added that Crossover Day is scheduled for March 6, 2025.

Commissioner Rabon stated the Champney River Boat Ramp was closed on January 28, 2025 to begin the complete rebuild of the facility and ramp, adding a fishing pier and bathrooms and

raising the parking lot. He further stated the project is slated to take six months to complete and is funded in large part by the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Program.

Commissioner Rabon stated that the Coastal Resources Division hosted the inaugural Coastal Resilience Leadership Academy, an initiative aimed at strengthening community disaster preparedness.

Commissioner Rabon stated that the Wildlife Resources Division continues to make efforts to educate the public on Chronic Wasting Disease. He further stated the division held one virtual meeting and three in-person public information sessions in addition to issuing a news release and emailing all license holders.

Commissioner Rabon stated 17 additional samples have been collected from taxidermists, roadkill and deer taken by landowners and cooperators within the CWD Management Area. He further stated CWD was not detected in 11 of these samples and the most recent six samples were submitted to the diagnostic lab last week and are awaiting testing results.

Commissioner Rabon stated 342 anglers caught fish that either met or bested a specific weight or length for that species, and 67 anglers completed a Georgia Bass Salm in 2024. He commended the Fisheries Management Section of the Wildlife Resources Division for their management work.

Commissioner Rabon stated the Wildlife Resources Division Training Academy second session was held earlier this month. He further stated the class is made up of 31 employees and most have been with the Department less than two years. He added the participants receive instruction from staff on a wide variety of topics including ArcGIS, boating safety, retirement and 401k, customer service training, electrofishing and chainsaw training.

Commissioner Rabon stated the 2025 Park Rangers Conference was held at Brasstown Valley Resort for Assistant Park Managers, Interpretive Rangers, Senior Maintenance Rangers and Golf Superintendents. He thanked Chairwoman Reynolds, Joe Hatfield, Ray Lambert and Jeff Andrews for attending the event.

Commissioner Rabon stated the Law Enforcement Division has been working a drowning incident on Lake Oconee for the past several weeks. He commended the hard work of the game wardens who have endured frigid temperatures, rain, and other challenging conditions and have shown an unwavering commitment in their efforts to bring closure to the family.

Commissioner Rabon called on Colonel Mike England, Director of the Law Enforcement Division, for his report.

Colonel England updated the Board on the 39th Game Warden Academy class, the response to the boating incident on Lake Oconee, the Cellbrite extraction program, and the Jackson Lake Boating Facility incident.

Commissioner Rabon called on Angie Johnson, Director of the Parks and Historic Sites Division, for her report.

Director Johnson updated the Board on the Georgia Park Ranger Academy, 2024 Quota and Outdoors Beyond Barriers hunts held at state parks, the 2025 Park Ranger's Conference, Hurricane Helene response, and other items.

Commissioner Rabon stated his report was concluded.

Chairwoman Reynolds called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee, for his committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to the Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Radioactive Materials, Chapter 391-3-17. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairwoman Reynolds called on Harley Yancey, Chairman of the Land Committee, for his committee report.

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to Request approval via Executive Order to demolish the Fort Mountain State Park Group Pavilion, Murray County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the revocation of a Revocable License Agreement and Denial of Permanent Easement of up to 0.60± acres by the State Properties Commission to CitySwitch II-A, LLC., (CitySwitch) at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, Harris County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 3.18± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water & Sewer Commission, Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site, Glynn County. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chairwoman Reynolds stated the Dedication Ceremony for the Appalachian Trail Stamps is Friday, February 28, 2025 and CoastFest is Saturday, March 22, 2025. She further stated the next Board of Natural Resources meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 25, 2025 in the DNR Boardroom.

There being no further business, Chairwoman Reynolds adjourned the meeting.

Lesley Reynolds, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

Randy Dellinger, Secretary

Minutes Coastal Committee DNR Boardroom 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE Suite 1252, East Tower

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The February 25, 2025 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Lesley Reynolds, Chairwoman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairwoman Reynolds called on Nancy Addison, Chair of the Coastal Committee, who called on Dominic Guadagnoli, Shellfish Program Manager, to brief the Committee on the proposed amendment to the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Saltwater Fishing regulations, Rule 391-2-4, Shellfish.

Mr. Guadagnoli stated HB 501 passed in 2019 to support oyster mariculture. He further stated the Department established rules in 2020 to cultivate mariculture which included adopting the National Shellfish Sanitation Model Ordinance, establishing procedures to certify hatcheries and nurseries, establishing seed size and health requirements, and establishing leasing and siting terms.

Mr. Guadagnoli stated the Shellfish and Mariculture Advisory Panel was established in 2020 to provide input to the Coastal Resources Division and Board of Natural Resources regarding management of shellfish mariculture. He further stated this panel assisted with the development of the rule for harvest of oysters during *Vibrio* control months.

Mr. Guadagnoli gave an overview of the proposed rules for the requirements for *Vibrio* control which included the control plan, shellstock temperature controls, tagging requirements, shading requirements, confirmed illness response, requirements for harvest during control months, and eligibility requirements for harvest.

Mr. Guadagnoli stated the public notice period would begin on February 26, 2025 and close on March 28, 2025. He further stated he anticipated returning to the Board for approval on April 22, 2025.

Mr. Guadagnoli answered questions from the Board members concerning the Department's role in monitoring and enforcement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

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The February 25, 2025 meeting of the Environmental Protection Committee was called to order by Chairwoman Lesley Reynolds.

Chairwoman Reynolds called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee. Chairman Lambert called on James Boylan, Chief of the Air Protection Branch, to present action on Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Radioactive Materials, Chapter 391-3-17.

Mr. Boylan stated the Rules for Radioactive Materials are periodically amended to address requirements of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) for Agreement States. He further stated that agreement states (e.g., Georgia) are required to ensure that the Rules meet the compatibility and health and safety categories established by the NRC.

Mr. Boylan stated Rules 391-3-17-.02(11), 391-3-17-.03(12), and 391-3-17-.03(15) are being amended to incorporate NRC rule updates effective September 25, 2023, incorporate comments in the NRC letter dated May 29, 2024, update citations, and to correct formatting and grammar.

Mr. Boylan stated after briefing the Environmental Committee of the DNR Board in October 2024, there was a public hearing on January 14, 2025, and the 30-day public comment period ended on January 21, 2025. He further stated during the public hearing, one participant indicated that they agreed with the proposed changes and no other comments were received.

Mr. Boylan requested a favorable consideration.

<u>A motion was made by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried unanimously that the</u> <u>Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the Proposed Amendments to the</u> <u>Rules for Radioactive Materials, Chapter 391-3-17.</u>

Mr. Lambert asked Mr. Boylan to continue with Item B, a briefing on Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1.

Mr. Boylan stated that Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is required, under the Federal Clean Air Act and the Georgia Air Quality Act, to collect sufficient revenue in the form of permit fees to fund the direct and indirect costs of the permitting program. He further stated those costs include reviewing permit applications and issuing permits, inspecting facilities and enforcing permit conditions, ambient monitoring, preparing regulations and guidance, modeling, analyses and demonstrations, and preparing emission inventories, equipment, facilities, and training. He additionally stated that approximately two-thirds of the Air Protection Branch staff salaries are paid with Title V permit fee funding, which is over 100 positions. He finally stated that Georgia's current air permit fee structure includes annual permit fees which contributes to 90% of the branch's revenue, permit application fees which contributes to 5% of the branch's revenue.

Mr. Boylan stated that he specifically focused on the annual permit fee and permit application fee, in regard to the Title V revenue shortfall. He further stated that emissions from permitted sources have declined over the past decade, due primarily to the retirement of coal-fired power plants. He additionally stated that since the last fee increase, reductions of nearly \$660,000 in revenue occurred due to two additional coal-fired power plant retirements. He finally stated that annual expenses have also increased, due to increases in staff retention, state-wide cost of living adjustments (COLA), and increases for EPD STEM positions.

Mr. Boylan stated that the Air Protection Branch took steps to address the revenue shortfall, including monitoring expenditures and revenues for potential cost savings, and maximizing the use of the inspection and maintenance revenue and federal grant money to reduce reliance on permit fees; the Air Protection Branch receives a minimal amount of state funding (~3% of all funding). He further stated that the branch has utilized reserves built up to delay fee increases, introduced permit application fees in FY19, increased annual fees and implemented the Title V maintenance fee in early FY21 (July 1, 2020), and increased permit application fees and expedited fees in late FY21 (March 1, 2021). He finally stated that the branch also initially eliminated some permit fee funded positions; however, due to increased economic development activity in Georgia, three permitting positions were recently added to keep up with the increased demand.

Mr. Boylan stated that in a graph shown to the Board, there is historical data and projections showing the total revenue, total expenses, and total reserves from 2015-2031.

Mr. Boylan stated that they propose to amend subparagraph 391-3-1-.03(9)(b) to add a row for the new FY 2026 dollar-per-ton rates and reference the latest version of the Fee Manual (February 3, 2025). He further stated to amend subparagraphs (9)(c) and (9)(g) to change "section" to "paragraph", and amend subparagraphs (9)(i) and (9)(i)1 to correct capitalization errors.

Mr. Boylan stated the proposed percentage increases to the annual fees and the permit application fees in two separate charts. He further stated that the annual, dollar per ton fee has not increased since 2012, and that is the fee of most concern to stakeholders. He added that seven of the nine states in the southeast have higher dollar per ton fees than Georgia, and the U.S. EPA's presumptive minimum rate is \$63.69 per ton for federal fiscal year 2025, which with the proposed increase, Georgia is still well below.

Mr. Boylan stated that EPD met with the Permit Fee Advisory Committee (PFAC) four separate times throughout 2024 to discuss these fee increases. He further stated that EPD compromised with the PFAC by lowering our original fee proposal increase, and the final proposed changes to the annual fees and permit application fees were presented to the PFAC on December 4, 2024. He added that a memo was received from the PFAC in early January 2025 stating "...PFAC members were unable to reach agreement on these proposed fee increases"; however, the memo did not explicitly object to the proposed fees or present any alternatives for consideration.

Mr. Boylan stated that after briefing the Environmental Committee of the DNR Board today, there will be a public hearing and 30-day public comment period in March - April 2025. He further stated he plans to request adoption of the proposed amendments at the May 20, 2025 DNR Board meeting.

Chairman Lambert called on members of the Board, who asked Mr. Boylan questions on the budget deficit, what measures were taken before the proposed increase, and how does Georgia's fees compare to surrounding states. Mr. Boylan further stated what was exactly said in the memo from the PFAC and future of fee increases.

Mr. Lambert asked Ms. Truszczynski to continue with Item C, a briefing on Proposed Amendments to the Rules for Safe Drinking Water, Chapter 391-3-5.

Ms. Truszczynski stated that the proposed amendments are to implement the provisions of House Bill 1146, pertaining to private water systems operating within the coastal aquifers of Georgia. She further stated that House Bill 1146 was enacted on May 6, 2024, and allows private water systems in coastal counties to provide treated groundwater as potable water to the public if the local government utility cannot provide treated groundwater within 18 months of a request in writing. She added that if the local government utility is unable to provide the water, then a private water system with delegated authority from EPD under the rule can provide the water where they have the capacity.

Ms. Truszczynski stated that HB 1146 is limited in application to the "coastal aquifers" of the state, but does not define that term, so the proposed amendments utilize the existing definition for an 11-County "coastal area" in the Georgia Coastal Management Act at O.C.G.A. § 12-5-322(4). She further stated that House Bill 1146 has a sunset provision, and the proposed amendments will accordingly expire on January 1, 2029.

Ms. Truszczynski stated that EPD held a public meeting on November 14, 2024, and accepted comments through November 21, 2024. She further stated that EPD received 27 public comments, 24 being from private citizens and One Hundred Miles expressed concern about the legislation and requested that the proposed amendments be limited to Bryan County. She added that one private water system, Water Utility Management, requested that Bulloch County be added to the list of coastal Counties in the proposed amendments. She finally stated that the Georgia Association of Water Professionals suggested clarifying language.

Ms. Truszczynski stated that the language in paragraph (6) for privately owned community public water systems was amended to add permit modifications. She further stated that sub-paragraph (6)(a) was amended to include clarifying language ("local government, water authority or other public entity which has the power to provide water for consumptive use").

Ms. Truszczynski stated that where all the following conditions are met, a letter of concurrence for a new or expanded privately-owned public water system will not be required in the following

counties. She further stated that the requirements of this paragraph (b) shall expire on January 1, 2029. She added that the source water for the new or expanded permit to operate a public water system would be provided from groundwater within the Counties of Brantley, Bryan, Camden, Charlton, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Long, Liberty, McIntosh, and Wayne. She further added that a person seeking water service has made the request for such service in writing via certified mail to the local government, water authority or other public entity which has the power to provide water for consumptive use. She finally stated that the local government lacks the capability or permitted capacity to provide the requested water service within a period of 18 months from the date of such request; and the owner of the privately owned community public water system has delegated authority as specified in paragraph (2) and demonstrated that it has the capability and permitted ground water capacity to provide the requested water service within a period of 18 months from the date of such request.

Ms. Truszczynski stated that there was a public meeting for stakeholder feedback in November 2024. She further stated that after briefing the Environmental Committee of the DNR Board today, there will be a public notice in February 2025, and a public hearing in March 2025. She finally stated he plans to request adoption of the proposed amendments at the April 22, 2025 DNR Board meeting.

Chairman Lambert called on members of the Board, who asked Ms. Truszczynski questions about why a private water company must wait 18 months to provide water service. Ms. Truszczynski stated that the 18-month timeline only applies during the planning stages of new development, when the local government cannot provide that service. She further stated that it does not apply to existing water service, and if an emergency occurred, EPD would be able to help immediately.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes Land Committee DNR Boardroom 2 MLK Jr. Drive, SE Suite 1252, East Tower

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The January 31, 2025 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Lesley Reynolds, Chairwoman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairmwoman Reynolds called on Harley Yancey, Chair of the Land Committee, who called on Brent Womack, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Womack stated the first item for consideration is requesting approval via Executive Order to demolish the Fort Mountain State Park Group Pavilion in Murray County.

Mr. Womack stated that after a thorough assessment of existing infrastructure, the group shelter was found deficient in several areas including ADA compliance, structural integrity and electrical systems. He further stated the Office of the State Archeologist determined the structure was not historic and can be demolished without negative impact to the Georgia National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Womack stated that the structure is 6,800 square feet which requires an executive order to authorize the removal. He further stated that subject to receiving the order, the Department will remove the pavilion and all debris from the site.

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

Chairman Yancey called on Sarah Love to give public comment.

Ms. Love requested that when making this decision, the Board consider that this facility does have historic integrity and if this building is demolished there will only be one other building at a state park from this period in the Department's history. She stated that the history of the Department should be considered when making these decisions in the future.

A motion was by Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Hatfield and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to Request approval via Executive Order to demolish the Fort Mountain State Park Group Pavilion, Murray County.

Mr. Womack stated the next item for consideration was the revocation of the Revocable License Agreement and Denial of Permanent Easement of up to 0.60± acres by the State Properties Commission to CitySwitch II-A, LLC., (CitySwitch) at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Harris County.

Mr. Womack stated since granting the revocable license on March 23, 2021, several factors have led to the Department's recommendation for revocation. He further stated this site benefits from sufficient cell phone reception and that despite two years of discussion, CitySwitch has not provided an acceptable mitigation plan. He added that further consideration determined the tower

would harm the parks viewshed and visual integrity. Mr. Womack stated the Historic Preservation Division determined the tower would negatively affect the Park's status on the National Register of Historic Places in July of 2023.

Mr. Womack stated in consideration of these factors, Parks and Historic Sites staff have requested the revocation of the Revocable License Agreement and denial of the permanent easement from the State Properties Commission.

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

Chairman Yancey called on Kendall Lotze, representing CitySwitch, to give public comment.

Mr. Lotze stated CitySwitch request the Board defer the agenda item due to insufficient time given to CitySwitch to respond and understand the Department's concerns and compile information for possible solutions. Mr. Lotze addressed the concerns made by the Department and stated that all information was included in the packet handed out to the Board members.

Chairman Yancey called on Damon Kirkpatrick, President and CEO of the Friends of Georgia State Parks and Historic Sites, who spoke in support of the revocation of the permit.

Chairman Yancey called on Ellen Graham, Chief of Resource Management for the State Parks and Historic Sites Division.

Ms. Graham stated the State Parks and Historic Sites Division requests a revocation of the Revocable License Agreement between the State Properties Commission and CitySwitch. She further stated a dissolution of the agreement is requested based on the following reasons: public safety communication not a concern; improved cell reception; detriment to the aesthetics and viewshed impacts; concern for public outcry; adverse impact on the status of the National Register of Historic Places and National Historic Landmark; and no acceptable mitigation project after two years of negotiation.

A motion was by Mr. Dellinger, seconded by Mr. Hennessy, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the revocation of a Revocable License Agreement and Denial of Permanent Easement of up to 0.60± acres by the State Properties Commission to CitySwitch II-A, LLC., (CitySwitch) at Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park, Harris County.

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Mr. Womack stated the Revocable License and permanent easement will allow the Water and Sewer Commission to extend water and services into the northern part of Glynn County as well as facilitate the installation of a meter, waterline and back flow prevention device, and hydrants at Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site. He further stated the revocable license and permanent easement will benefit the public and will increase the Department's ability to protect the historic structures of the site and therefore should be granted at no cost.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Andrews, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 3.18± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to the Brunswick-Glynn Joint Water & Sewer Commission, Hofwyl-Broadfield Plantation Historic Site, Glynn County.

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