

## Minutes

### Land Committee

A.W. Jones Heritage Center  
610 Beachview Drive  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

January 26, 2018

#### Attending:

##### Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman  
William Bagwell  
Bill Jones  
Ray Lambert – Via Conference Call  
Rob Leebern  
Philip Wilheit  
Duncan N. Johnson, Jr., Board Chairman, Ex-Officio

##### Board Members

Nancy Addison  
Dwight Evans  
Aaron McWhorter  
Mike Phelps  
Bodine Sinyard  
Miki Thomaston  
Philip Watt  
Dee Yancey

##### Guests

Ronnie Just, Georgia Power  
Tom Rood, CCA-GA  
Beth Blalock, Gilbert Harrell Sumerford & Martin  
Chris Woodward, Sport Fishing Magazine  
Roy & Ann Ditmer, Save German Village  
Stuart Stevenson, Save German Village  
Wayne Dasher, Department of Corrections  
Wayne Tate  
John Duren, Coastal Conservation Association  
David Kyler, Center for a Sustainable Coast  
Ragen Marsh, Troutman Sanders  
Edward Wexler, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve  
Katherine Bayer, Save German Village  
Julian Smith, Sidney Lanier Environmental Advocacy Team  
Hannah Smith, Sidney Lanier Environmental Advocacy Team  
Megan Desrosiers, One Hundred Miles

##### Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Terry West  
Kyle Pearson  
Melanie Johnson  
Wes Robinson  
Cathy Barnette  
Dave Crass  
Rusty Garrison  
Doug Haymans  
Eddie Henderson  
Becky Kelley  
Steve Friedman  
Richard Dunn, Director  
Lauren Curry  
Jeff Cown  
Sydney Brogden  
Jon Ambrose  
Karl Burgess  
Bill Donohue  
Jeff Weaver  
Thomas Barnard  
Jill Andrews  
Greg Balkom  
Bobby Bond  
Beth Tasciotti  
Paul Medders  
Buck Bennett  
JT Bennett  
Dominic Guadagnoli  
Pat Geer  
Jill Andrews  
Linda Willis

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Gloria Burns, Save German Village  
Ingrid Metz, Save German Village  
Ed Meadows, St. Simons Island Planning Commission  
Chris Thompson, Save German Village  
Ad Poppell, McIntosh County  
Patrick Zoucks, McIntosh County  
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates  
Mark Berry, Georgia Power  
Bill Hodges, Hodges Harbin Newberry & Tribble

The January 26, 2018 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Chairman Johnson.

Chairman Johnson called on Mr. Dwight Davis, Vice Chairman of the Land Committee.

Vice Chairman Davis called on Mr. Steve Friedman.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item A seeks approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with McIntosh County for the county to construct, operate, and maintain facilities for public water access at the Cathead Creek Boat Ramp. Mr. Friedman further stated that the Department would construct the boat ramp using a federal sport and fish restoration grant that will be matched by the county. He added that the county will construct additional improvements, such as a marina and dock area for boat storage and parking. Mr. Friedman went on to state that the boat ramp will be operated by the county at no charge to the Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wilheit, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board grant approval to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with McIntosh County for the County to construct, operate, and maintain facilities for public water access at the Cathead Creek Boat Ramp, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item B seeks the granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.4± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Greystone Power Corporation at Campbellton Road Boat Ramp in Fulton County. Mr. Friedman further stated that the area would be used to install more lighting in the parking area to deter vandals. He added that since it is for the benefit of the Department, the easement should be granted at no cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilheit, seconded by Mr. Leebern, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.4± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Greystone Power Corporation at Campbellton Road Boat Ramp, Fulton County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item C seeks the Disposition (surplus) of up to 0.303± acres of real property, Tallulah Gorge State Park in Rabun County. He further stated that it would go to the town of

Tallulah Falls. Mr. Friedman added that the Parks Department uses the building to store light equipment, but that the building is in need of repairs and is in low priority for the park to do so. He went on to state that the town of Tallulah Falls plans to use the building as a visitors' center and museum to encourage more visitation and highlight the park. He further stated that since the building would be used for the public purposes, the property should be conveyed for \$10 with a clause that the town use it for public purposes or convey it back to the Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Bagwell, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board approve the Disposition (surplus) of up to 0.303± acres of real property, Tallulah Gorge State Park, Rabun County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item D seeks the Disposition (surplus) of up to 1,028.743± acres of real property at the Former Camp Wilderness/Outdoor Therapeutic Camp in White County. He further stated that the property was acquired in the 1960s but conveyed in 1978 to the Department of Human Services to operate Camp Wilderness for Disabled Youth. It was conveyed back to the Department in 2010. Mr. Friedman added that in 2013, the Department entered into a 50 year IGA with White County and that the IGA was amended in 2016 to allow the county to build a fire department on the property. He went on to state that the current plan proposes giving the entire land to the county for the purpose of building a baseball field, softball field, football field, and hiking and biking trails. Mr. Friedman then stated that since the county would use the land for public purposes, the Committee is recommending that the property should be conveyed for \$10 with a clause that the county use it for public purposes or convey it back to the Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Davis, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board approve the Disposition (surplus) of up to 1,028.743± acres of real property, Former Camp Wilderness/Outdoor Therapeutic Camp, White County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.