

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

**October 27, 2020  
9:00 a.m.  
Via Teleconference Call**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members**

Dwight Davis, Chair  
Bodine Sinyard, Vice Chair  
William Bagwell  
Patrick Denney  
Dwight Evans  
Bill Jones  
Rob Leebern  
Tim Lowe  
Billy New  
Paul Shailendra  
Nancy Addison, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Nick Ayers  
Joe Hatfield  
Duncan Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Brother Stewart  
Miki Thomaston  
Dee Yancey

**Guests**

Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson  
Kate Iannuzzi  
Josh Hildebrandt  
Cathy Barnette  
Amber Carter  
Artica Gaston  
Courtney Hall  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Steve Friedman  
Rusty Garrison  
Doug Haymans  
Jason Roberson  
  
Richard Dunn, Director  
Lauren Curry  
Jac Capp  
Karen Hays  
Chuck Mueller  
Laura Williams

The October 27, 2020 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Nancy Addison, Chair of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chair Addison called on Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Land Committee. Mr. Davis called on Steve Friedman, Chief, Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first project is requesting approval to purchase 7,958± acres in Camden County for conservation and recreational purposes. He further stated that Cabin Bluff buffers the Kings Bay Naval Base and Cumberland Island National Seashore and provide high conservation values with frontage on the Cumberland River. He stated the entire property is 11,176 acres, however 3,217 acres were sold by TNC and OSI to a private buyer subject to a conservation easement co-held by the State and the Navy. He further stated the remaining 7,958 acres will be managed as a WMA, which is expected to be very popular with the public due to the history and exceptional conservation values of Cabin Bluff. He added the Navy has also acquired a conservation easement over the remaining 7,958 acres, and this lowered our purchase price by \$4M.

Mr. Friedman stated the department will acquire the property with state, federal and private funds. He further stated that as a condition of receiving these funds, an affidavit will be recorded against the property stating that it may not be disposed of in any manner or used for purposes inconsistent with the programs it was acquired for without the prior approval of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U. S. Forest Service, Knobloch Family Foundation, TNC and OSI.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Leebern, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the Acquisition (purchase) of 7,958± acres of real property, Cabin Bluff WMA, Camden County.

Mr. Friedman stated the second item is requesting approval of the granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.70± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Comcast at Skidaway Island State Park in Chatham County.

Mr. Friedman stated the purpose of the easement is to allow Comcast to install, operate, and maintain a high-speed internet and phone cable that will provide service to the new Park Visitors Center. He further stated that since the cable will provide internet and phone service for daily park operations, the Department recommends the easements be granted at no cost. He added that area is Heritage Preserve dedicated and because the new internet and phone cable will provide needed support to a permitted use of the park, a change of use is not necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Evans, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the Granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.70± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Comcast at Skidaway Island State Park, Chatham County.

Mr. Friedman stated the last item is requesting approval to enter into a twenty-five (25) year agreement to lease 2.90± acres from Evans County for the purpose of rebuilding the Brewton's Bridge Landing boat ramp for public use.

Mr. Friedman stated Brewton's Bridge Landing is located on the east bank of the Canoochee River. He further stated the Department will lease the boat ramp at no cost for a twenty-five-year term, and the County will provide general maintenance at no cost to the Department. He added that during the term of the lease, the Department will rebuild the boat ramp to current Department standards, parking will be regraded and transition to semi-pervious crushed stone, and ADA compliant spaces will be installed.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Shailendra, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a lease agreement with Evans County to lease Brewton's Bridge Landing, 2.90± acres.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.