

**Minutes
Land Committee
Georgia Southern University
Engineering & Research Building
Room 3000
4012 Forest Drive
Statesboro, GA 30458**

**Tuesday, April 26, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Committee Members

Tim Lowe, Chair
William Bagwell, Vice Chair
Nick Ayers
Dwight Davis
Randy Dellinger
Patrick Denney
Dwight Evans
Rob Leebern
Billy New
Bodine Sinyard
Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Ray Lambert
Miki Thomaston
Dee Yancey

Guests

Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Agriculture Council
Dr. Ryan McNutt, Georgia Southern University
Dr. Matthew Compton, Georgia Southern University
M. Jared Wood, Georgia Southern University
Jason Metzger, GA EPD

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Donald Kirkland
Cathy Barnette
Artica Gaston
Alexandrea Solomon
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Ted Will
Doug Haymans
Tina Johannsen
Antoinette Norfleet

Richard Dunn, Director
John Eunice
Karen Hays
Anna Truszczynski

The April 26, 2022 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Bill Jones, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Jones called on Mr. Tim Lowe, Chairman of the Land Committee.

Mr. Lowe called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item A is seeking approval to enter into a twenty-five (25) year agreement with Augusta-Richmond County for the 2.53± acres Lock and Dam Road Boat Ramp. He further stated the Department will renew the lease on the Savannah River at no cost for a twenty-five (25) year term, and Augusta-Richmond County will assist with general maintenance at no cost to the Department. He added the Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) will continue to operate the boat ramp and parking area while performing structural maintenance and repairs as needed during the life of the lease.

Mr. Friedman stated for the benefit of the public and upon approval by the Board, the Department will enter into a twenty-five (25) year lease agreement with the County at no cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Denney, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a 25-year lease agreement with Augusta-Richmond County for the 2.53+ acres Lock and Dam Boat Ramp.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.