

**Minutes
Land Committee
Lanier Islands
7000 Lanier Islands Parkway
Buford, GA 30518**

**Tuesday, August 27, 2024
9:00 a.m.**

Committee Members

Paul Shailendra, Chair
Randy Dellinger, Vice Chair
Nancy Addison
Patrick Denney
Charles DePriest
Dan Garcia
Mark Hennessy
Steve Hufstetler
Brent Layton
Gary Vowell
Joe Hatfield, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Jeff Andrews
Bill Jones
Duncan Johnson
Ray Lambert
Lesley Reynolds

Guests

Scott Hendricks, Georgia Power Company
Cindy Nix, GA DNR / EPD
Anna Edmondson, Robbins Government Relations
Dominic Weatherhill, Georgia Power Company

Staff Members

Walter Rabon, Commissioner
Thomas Barnard
Trevor Santos
Taylor Brown Fisher
Cathy Barnette
Kyle Pearson
Artica Gaston
Mike England
Doug Haymans
Angie Johnson
Ted Will
Brent Womack
Royce Johnson

John Eunice, Deputy Director

The August 27, 2024 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Joe Hatfield, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Hatfield called on Mr. Paul Shailendra, Chair of the Land Committee. Mr. Shailendra called on Brent Womack, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Womack stated that the first item under Tab D, Item A, is requesting a Revocable License Agreement (RLA) and Permanent Easement (PE) of up to 4.53± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly be granted to Georgia Power Company at the McGraw Ford Wildlife Management Area in Cherokee County. He further stated that the purpose of the request is to install a transmission tie line to connect a battery storage station to the Georgia Power Company McGraw Ford Wildlife Management Area (WMA) substation. He added that the request requires a RLA be issued by the State Properties Commission (SPC) and a PE be granted by the General Assembly (GA). He further added that since there is no benefit to the WMA, the SPC will determine the cost of this request.

A motion was made by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Garcia, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant a revocable license agreement (RLA) and permanent easement (PE) of up to 4.53± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Georgia Power Company at the McGraw Ford Wildlife Management Area in Cherokee County.

Mr. Womack stated that the second Item, Item B, is requesting approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.05± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Jefferson Energy Cooperative at McDuffie Public Fishing Area in McDuffie County. He further stated that the purpose of the request is to provide an underground power line to a new residence building at McDuffie Public Fishing Area (PFA). He added that the request requires an RLA be issued by the State Properties Commission and a PE be granted by the General Assembly. He further added that since the RLA and PE will benefit the Department, the Department recommends they be granted at no cost. He stated that this area is Heritage Preserve dedicated, but the request supports the reasons for the designation, therefore a change of use is not necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Garcia, seconded by Ms. Addison, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant a revocable license agreement (RLA) and permanent easement (PE) of up to 0.5± acres by the State Properties

Commission and General Assembly to Jefferson Energy Cooperative at McDuffie Public Fishing Area, McDuffie County.

Mr. Womack stated the final item, Item C, is requesting approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.2± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation at Crockford Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area in Walker County. He further stated that North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation has requested that the purpose of the request is to provide power service to a maintenance facility at Crockford Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA). He added that this request required that a RLA be issued by the State Properties Commission and a PE be granted by the General Assembly. He further added that since the RLA and PE will benefit the Department, the Department recommends they be granted at no cost. He stated that this area is Heritage Preserve dedicated, but the request supports the reasons for the designation, therefore a change of use is not necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Dellinger, seconded by Ms. DePriest, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to grant a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.2± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to North Georgia Electric Membership Corporation at Crockford Pigeon Mountain Wildlife Management Area, Walker County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.