

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

**June 25, 2019**

**Attendees:**

**Committee Members**

Dwight Evans, Chair  
Joe Hatfield, Vice Chair  
Nancy Addison  
William Bagwell  
Dwight Davis – Via Conference Call  
Duncan Johnson  
Aaron McWhorter  
Mark Mobley – Via Conference Call  
Dee Yancey  
Bodine Sinyard, Board Chairman, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Ray Lambert  
Rob Leebern  
Paul Shailendra – Via Conference Call  
Brother Stewart – Via Conference Call  
Miki Thomaston

**Guests**

Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates  
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club  
Jim Renner, Southern Ionics Minerals  
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper  
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Urban Ag Council  
Doug Miell, Georgia Chamber  
April Lipscomb, Southern Environmental Law Center  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Nick Johnson, Georgia Conservancy  
Chad Smalls, Georgia Conservancy  
Will Bentley, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Thomas Farmer, The Nature Conservancy  
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau  
Blake Raulerson, Georgia Farm Bureau

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Walter Rabon  
Kyle Pearson – Via Conference Call  
Wes Robinson  
Melanie Johnson  
Cathy Barnette  
Amber Carter  
Artica Gaston  
Houston Webb  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Dave Crass  
Steve Friedman  
Cassidy Gerstorff  
Tina Johannsen  
Karl Burgess  
Robert Stokes  
Larry Blankenship  
Jeremy Bolen  
Rachel Rice  
Sam Cox  
Jay Howell  
Kaitlin Goode  
  
Richard Dunn, Director  
Lauren Curry  
Jac Capp  
Karen Hays  
Chuck Mueller  
Laura Williams  
Sydney Brogden  
Dika Kuoh  
Jim Cooley

The June 25, 2019 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Bodine Sinyard, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Sinyard called on Dwight Evans, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee, who called on John Bowers, Chief of Game Management.

John Bowers stated that Item A is a proposed rule amendment to hunting regulations pertaining to bears. He further stated that this rule amendment would expand the south Georgia bear hunting zone to include Camden county and provides for a check-in station on the east side of the zone in Folkston at the Georgia Forestry Commission office. Mr. Bowers added that this was put out for public comment in May, but that there were no comments submitted.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Yancey, seconded by Ms. Addison, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendment to hunting regulations, Chapter 391-4-2-.22, pertaining to bears, as presented.

Mr. Bowers briefed the Board on Item B, which is the proposed amendment to Rule 391-4-2-.24, pertaining to general regulations for hunting deer. He further stated that this proposed amendment is necessary for the Department to implement the Deer Management Assistance Program. He added that the proposed amendment empowers the department within the statutory, bag limit, and season frameworks, to specifically provide harvest flexibility to private landowners and hunting clubs who are enrolled in DMAP.

Mr. Bowers stated that there is one change to the amendment. He further stated that this is additional language in paragraph 1 of the rules, and that the language will be added before public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.