# Minutes

#### **Board of Natural Resources**

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

> June 23, 2020 9:00 a.m. Via Teleconference Call

#### Attendees:

## **Board Members**

Nancy Addison, Chair Dee Yancey, Vice Chair William Bagwell Dwight Davis

Dwight Evans
Joe Hatfield

Duncan N. Johnson, Jr.

Ray Lambert Rob Leebern Billy New Paul Shailendra

Jeff "Bodine" Sinyard

Brother Stewart Miki Thomaston

### **Staff Members**

Mark Williams, Commissioner

Kyle Pearson Cathy Barnette Amber Carter Courtney Hall Thomas Barnard

Jeff Cown Steve Friedman Rusty Garrison Doug Haymans

Tina Johannsen

Richard Dunn, Director Lauren Curry Jac Capp

Karen Hays Chuck Mueller Laura Williams Minutes – Board of Natural Resources June 23, 2020 Page 2

The June 23, 2020 Board of Natural Resources meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Addison.

Chair Addison called on Captain Mike Burgamy, Law Enforcement Division, to provide an opening devotion.

Chair Addison called on Cathy Barnette to do roll call and verify a quorum is present. Those in attendance on the conference call were Nancy Addison, Chair, Dee Yancey, Vice Chair, William Bagwell, Dwight Davis, Dwight Evans, Joe Hatfield, Duncan Johnson, Ray Lambert, Rob Leebern, Billy New, Paul Shailendra, Bodine Sinyard, Brother Stewart, and Miki Thomaston.

Chair Addison called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2020 Board of Natural Resources meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard, seconded by Ms. Thomaston, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2020 Board of Natural Resources meeting.

Chair Addison called on Richard Dunn, Director of the Environmental Protection Division, for his report.

Director Dunn updated the Board on the status of legislative activity pertaining to the Environmental Protection Division including changes in the FY 2021 budget.

Director Dunn stated this concluded his report.

Chair Addison called on Mark Williams, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, for his report.

Commissioner Williams updated the Board on the following: Law Enforcement Division's recent efforts during the protests around the state in May and their support to local communities; DNR legislation and budget; DNR Leadership Academy; COVID-19 outbreak; boating activities and incidents around the state; Game Warden Awards Banquet; Parks visitation and limited access during peak times; reopening of museums and historic sites; increase in Parks receipts; eRanger video series; Parks' Resource Management Unit's mission-related work and fish attractor project at George L. Smith; 2020-2021 Hunting Season Regulations; renovations at West Point Range and Wilson Shoals Range; WRD's Game Management conducting 39,000 acres of prescribed fires; Go Fish Center Hatchery stocking more than six million fish into public waterways in 2020; Ocmulgee PFA's record setting largemouth bass (10 lbs.); and Georgia's State Fish Art Contest.

Commissioner Williams stated this concluded his report.

Chair Addison called on Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Environmental Protection Committee, for his report.

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A motion was made by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Air Quality Control, Chapter 391-3-1. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

Chair Addison called on Mr. Joe Hatfield, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee, for his report.

A motion was made by Mr. Hatfield, seconded by Mr. Stewart, and carried unanimously to approve the Proposed Amendment to Subject 391-4-2, Hunting Regulations Pertaining to Mistletoe State Park.

Chair Addison called on Mr. Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Land Committee for his report.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Sinyard, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the Acquisition (purchase) of 542± acres of real property, Paulding Forest WMA, Hubble Timber, LLC, Hwy 278 Tract, Paulding and Polk Counties. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Evans, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the Acquisition (purchase) of 207± acres of real property, Paulding Forest WMA, BM Jones Company, LP, Dugdown Corridor Tract, Paulding and Polk Counties. (Resolution attached hereto and made a part thereof)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

	Nancy A. Addison, Chairman
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