Minutes Coastal Committee

A. W. Jones Heritage Center 610 Beachview Drive St. Simons Island, GA 31522

> May 21, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members

Rob Leebern, Chair Bill Jones, Vice Chair Nancy Addison Tim Lowe

Aaron McWhorter

Paul Shailendra - Via Conference Call

Miki Thomaston Dee Yancey

Bodine Sinyard, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell Dwight Davis Dwight Evans Joe Hatfield

Duncan Johnson – Via Conference Call Ray Lambert – Via Conference Call

Mark Mobley Billy New Mike Phelps

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner

Walter Rabon Kyle Pearson Wes Robinson Cathy Barnette Thomas Barnard

Jeff Cown
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
Taylor Brown
Jill Andrews
John Bowers
Ted Will
Karl Burgess
Tyler Jones
Beth Tascotti

Richard Dunn, Director

<u>Guests</u>

Brant Lane – Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Bryan Tolar – GA Urban Agriculture Council
Spud Woodward
Charles McMillan – Georgia Conservancy
Zach Harris – HunterMaclean
Jim Renner – Southern Ionics Minerals
Megan Desrosiers – One Hundred Miles
Thomas Farmer – The Nature Conservancy

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The May 21, 2019 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Bodine Sinyard, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Sinyard called on Rob Leebern, Chairman of the Coastal Committee, who called on Jill Andrews, Coastal Management Section Chief.

Ms. Andrews briefed the Board on proposed amendments to the Coastal Marshlands Protection regulations. She updated the Board on current issues regarding live aboards and the new legislation addressing live aboards. She further added that there will be a public meeting June 17 regarding these proposed amendments and will hold public comment until July 15.

Mr. Leebern asked what the penalties will be for people who aren't in compliance with the new live aboards legislation. Colonel Thomas Barnard stated that since this is new legislation, the priority will be educating people on the new law before fine and penalties will be issued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.