

**Minutes  
Coastal Committee  
A. W. Jones Heritage Center  
610 Beachview Drive  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522**

**Friday, January 27, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

**Committee Members**

Nancy Addison, Chair  
Randy Dellinger  
Joe Hatfield  
Tim Lowe  
Paul Shailendra  
Miki Thomaston  
Gary Vowell  
Dee Yancey  
Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Nick Ayers  
Dwight Davis  
Patrick Denney  
Charles DePriest  
Dan Garcia  
Penn Hodge  
Kevin Jackson  
Ray Lambert  
Bodine Sinyard

**Guests**

Alice Keyes, One Hundred Miles  
Beth Vowell  
Bill Clark, Okefenokee Swamp Park  
Charles McMillan, Georgia Conservancy  
Deborah Y. Reed, Okefenokee Swamp – Reeds Grocery  
Ebony Garard, Sowing Seeds  
George Penniman, Concerned Young Citizen  
Henrietta Bailey, Sowing Seeds  
Kim Bednarek, Okefenokee Swamp Park  
Kim Thayer

**Staff Members**

Mark Williams, Commissioner  
Walter Rabon  
Cathy Barnette  
Kate Iannuzzi  
Donald Kirkland  
Artica Gaston  
Thomas Barnard  
Jeff Cown  
Steve Friedman  
Ted Will  
Doug Haymans  
Karl Burgess  
Tyler Jones  
Jill Andrews  
Carolyn Belcher  
Kathy Knowlton  
Paul Medders  
Jared Flowers  
Julie Califf  
Ellis Johnson  
Bill Donohue  
James Hamilton

Richard Dunn, Director  
John Eunice

Lakesha Nixon, Sowing Seeds  
Lee Weeks, Coral Hospitality  
Mark Osterhaus, Coral Hospitality  
Mary Floyd Ayers  
Rena Peck, Georgia River Network  
Reverend Antwon Nixon, Sowing Seeds  
Spud Woodward  
Susan Inman, One Hundred Miles  
Sylvia Everett, Sowing Seeds  
Wade Herring, Concerned Citizen

The January 27, 2023 meeting of the Coastal Resources Committee was called to order by Bill Jones, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Jones called on Ms. Nancy Addison, Chair of the Coastal Resources Committee.

Ms. Addison called on Doug Haymans, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, for action on the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee reappointment.

Director Haymans stated that Dr. Valerie Hepburn was appointed in February 2022 to fill the remaining term of Mr. Zach Harris who previously resigned. He further stated that during her short tenure Dr. Hepburn has shown to be a valuable, consistent member of the CMPC and SPC and has indicated her interest in reappointment.

Director Haymans stated that in consultation with Chairman Jones and Committee Chair Nancy Addison, the Coastal Resources Division recommends the reappointment of Dr. Hepburn. He further stated her term would be effective immediately upon approval and extend to December 31, 2026.

A motion was made by Ms. Thomaston, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, and carried unanimously that the committee recommends the reappointment of Dr. Valerie Hepburn to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Committee and Shore Protection Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.