

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

June 27, 2018

Attending:

Committee Members

Dwight Davis, Chairman – Via Conference Call
William Bagwell
Dwight Evans
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Billy New
Mike Phelps
Aaron McWhorter, Board Chairman, Ex-Officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson – Via Conference Call
Mark Mobley
Bodine Sinyard
Miki Thomaston
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey

Guests

Bryan Tolar, GA Agribusiness Council
Bill Hodges, Hodges Harbin Newberry & Tribble
Brant Lane, Hodges Harbin Newberry & Tribble
Alex Bradford, Farm Bureau
Deb Phillips, GA Industry Environmental Coalition
Kathleen Bowen
Katrina Morris, GA DNR
Brett Albanese, GA DNR
Tom Johnson, Friends of GA State Parks
Maggie Lee, Saporta Report
Jill Nolin, Community Newspaper Holdings, Inc.
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
John Eberhart, GA Earth Alliance

Staff

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Terry West
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Matthew Smith
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Jeff Weaver
Thomas Barnard
James Hamilton
John Bowers
Frank Manning
Matt Thomas
Mark Whitney

Richard Dunn, Director
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Laura Williams
Sydney Brogden
Dika Kuoh
Jim Cooley
Jason Metzger

Sarah Vesser

The June 27, 2018 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Chairman Dwight Davis (via conference call).

Chairman Davis called on Mr. Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item A sought approval to enter into a 9-year sublease with the State Properties Commission for Law Enforcement radio tower space at 52 Hightower Road, Hogansville, GA, in Troup County. Mr. Friedman went on to state that the lease and sublease are at no cost to the department.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Leebern, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a sublease for Law Enforcement Division radio tower space at 52 Hightower Road, Hogansville, Georgia, Troup County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item B sought the granting of a revocable license agreement and permanent easement of up to 1± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Georgia Power Company at Fort Yargo State Park, Barrow County. Mr. Friedman went on to state that the land would be used to install, operate, and maintain underground electrical equipment to the new Visitors Center currently under construction at Fort Yargo State Park. He added that construction will last approximately nine months.

A motion was made by Mr. Phelps, seconded by Mr. Lambert, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval of the Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 1± acres to Georgia Power Company at Fort Yargo State Park, Barrow County, as presented.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item C requested approval via Executive Order to demolish the house at 306-B McAlpin Drive, Savannah, Chatham County. Mr. Friedman added that the house has fallen into disrepair due to years of damage from wind, fallen trees, and storms. He went on to state that the house has not been used in years and is beyond reasonable repair. Since the house is listed as a safety hazard, the department will remove the structure, reforest the site, and install a gate with controlled access for department personnel to access the nearby dock. Mr. Friedman then stated that an Executive Order from the Governor is needed before demolition can begin.

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A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Leebern, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek approval via Executive Order to demolish the house at 306-B McAlpin Drive, Savannah, Chatham County, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.