

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

**Tuesday, February 22, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Committee Members

Tim Lowe, Chair
William Bagwell, Vice Chair
Nick Ayers
Dwight Davis
Randy Dellinger
Patrick Denney
Dwight Evans
Rob Leebern
Billy New
Bodine Sinyard
Gary Vowell
Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Ray Lambert
Paul Shailendra
Miki Thomaston
Dee Yancey

Guests

Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Tim Earl, Georgia Power
Deb Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Urban Ag Council
Kevin Jeselnik, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Rena Peck, Georgia River Network

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Kate Iannuzzi
Donald Kirkland
Cathy Barnette
Alexandrea Solomon
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Ted Will
Doug Haymans

Richard Dunn, Director
John Eunice
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Anna Truszczynski
Laura Williams

The February 22, 2022 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Bill Jones, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Jones called on Tim Lowe, Chairman of the Land Committee. Mr. Lowe called on Steve Friedman, Chief of Real Estate.

Mr. Friedman stated the first item is requesting approval to enter into an agreement with Dougherty County to lease the 2.317± acres Marine Corps Ditch Boat Ramp. He further stated the Department will renew the lease on the Flint River at no cost for a twenty-five (25) year term, and Dougherty County will assist with general maintenance at no cost to the Department. He added the Wildlife Resources Division will continue to operate the boat ramp and parking area while performing structural maintenance and repairs as needed during the life of the lease. He further added that for the benefit of the public and upon approval by the Board, the Department will enter into a twenty-five-year lease agreement with the County at no cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Davis, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a 25-year lease agreement with Dougherty County to lease the 2.317+ acres Marine Corps Ditch Boat Ramp.

Mr. Friedman stated the second item is requesting approval to enter into a 25-year lease agreement with Jeff Davis County to lease the 1.25± acres Burkett's Ferry Landing Boat Ramp. He further stated the Department will enter into a new lease on the Ocmulgee River for a twenty-five (25) year term, with Jeff Davis County. He added that the lease will improve the existing boat ramp and expand parking. He further added that Jeff Davis County will partner with the Wildlife Resources to assist with general facility maintenance at no cost to the Department. He stated that for the benefit of the public and upon approval by the Board, the Department will enter into a twenty-five-year lease agreement with the County at no cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Davis, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a 25-year lease agreement with Jeff Davis County to lease the 1.25+ acres Burkett's Ferry Landing Boat Ramp.

Mr. Friedman stated the final item is requesting approval to enter into a 25-year lease agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency to lease the 2.7+ acres Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Boat Ramp. He further stated that the Department will enter into a new lease on the Ocmulgee River for a twenty-five (25) year term, with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Agency –

Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). He added that under this lease the Department will install a new concrete boat ramp and expand the concrete parking area. He further added the Bond Swamp NWR will partner with Bibb County to assist with general facility maintenance at no cost to the Department. He stated that for the benefit of the public and upon approval by the Board, the Department will enter into a twenty-five-year lease agreement with the Agency at no cost.

A motion was made by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Dellinger, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval to enter into a 25-year lease agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency to lease the 2.7+ acres Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Boat Ramp.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.