

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

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

Committee Members

Tim Lowe, Chair
Charles DePriest, Vice Chair
Nancy Addison
Randy Dellinger
Patrick Denney
Dan Garcia
Kevin Jackson
Bodine Sinyard
Gary Vowell
Dwight Davis, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

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

Guests

Anna Edmondson, Robbins Firm
Rena Peck, Georgia River Network
Kim Scott, Georgia Women's Action for New Directions
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Kate Iannuzzi
Cathy Barnette
Artica Gaston
Thomas Barnard
Angie Johnson
Steve Friedman
Ted Will
Doug Haymans
Lacey Creech
Aubrey Pawlikowski
Melissa Cummings
Sara Califf
Rick Lavender

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

The February 21, 2023 meeting of the Land Committee was called to order by Dwight Davis, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

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

Mr. Friedman stated that Item A is seeking approval for the Granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Telesystem at Little Ocmulgee State Park, Telfair County. He further stated the Department is having TS install buried fiber optic cable which will greatly improve the internet service at Little Ocmulgee State Park and Lodge. He added that installing fiber optic internet requires a RLS be issued by the State Properties Commission (SPC) and a PE be granted by the General Assembly (GA). He further added that since the distribution line is solely for use by the Department, the recommendation to SPC is it be issued at no cost. He stated the area is Heritage Preserve dedicated, but since this will benefit the Park and Lodge, a change of use is not necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. DePriest, seconded by Mr. Sinyard, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the Granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Telesystem at Little Ocmulgee State Park, Telfair County.

Mr. Friedman stated that Item B is seeking approval for the Granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement of up to 0.12± acres by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Georgia Power at Wormsloe Historic Site, in Chatham County. He further stated that the request is to provide underground power to the new Visitor Center being built at Wormsloe to replace the old one. He added that since the RLA and PE will benefit the Department, the Department recommends they be granted at no cost. He further added that this area is Heritage Preserve dedicated, but the Visitor Center supports the reasons for the designation, therefore a change of use is not necessary.

A motion was made by Mr. Dellinger, seconded by Mr. Denney, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board adopt the Resolution to authorize the Commissioner to seek State Properties Commission approval for the Granting of a Revocable License Agreement and Permanent Easement by the State Properties Commission and General Assembly to Georgia Power at Wormsloe Historic Site, Chatham County.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.