

# JEKYLL ISLAND-STATE PARK AUTHORITY

## Special Called Meeting

August 12, 2005

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The Jekyll Island-State Park Authority called a special meeting and met in public session on Friday, August 12, 2005, via conference call at the Conference Room of the Jekyll Island Authority Offices at 100 James Road, Jekyll Island, Georgia. Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Members Present: Richard Wood, Chairman (conference phone)  
J. Y. Jones, Secretary (conference phone)  
Jack Collins (conference phone)  
Becky Kelley (conference phone)  
Ed Boshears (conference phone)  
Sybil Lynn  
Tom Lewis (conference phone)

Members Absent: Mike Hodges  
Steve Scheer (recused himself)

Legal Counsel Present: Alison Spencer, Assistant Attorney  
General (conference phone)

Staff Present: Bill Donohue, Executive Director  
Laura Bonds, Deputy Director/CFO  
Cynthia Hutchinson, Executive Secretary

Members of the public present were Mr. T. Eyler and Mr. J. Morrison with Jekyll's Golden Islander.

Chairman Wood stated he had spoken with Mr. Padgett "Pat" Wilson who serves as Georgia's Federal Affairs Director in Washington, D.C. regarding Jekyll Island's CBRA issue. Chairman Wood provided an overview of his conversation with Mr. Wilson.

Chairman Wood announced that a counter offer to our offer had been received from Troutman Sanders LLC by Rob Leebern to work on CBRA issue up to April 2006 for an amount of \$50,000. Per Tom Spulak of King and Spalding, they will work for \$50,000 through 2006.

Further discussion ensued amongst the board members regarding the scope of work to be performed in connection with the price for such work. Ms. Becky Kelley suggested before committing to a consultant, the Board would be well served to have a detailed conversation with Pat Wilson first and get his perspective and guidance. Chairman Wood agreed with that suggestion.

Mr. Collins suggested that since Ms. Kelley has had dealings with Mr. Wilson, maybe she, Chairman Wood and Executive Director Donohue could meet with him.

▫ Call To Order

▫ Attendance

▫ Discussion -  
Consultant

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Chairman Wood requested a decision be made on consultant until Mr. Wilson is contacted. He asked Ms. Kelley if there was a charge for Mr. Wilson's time and services. She stated that Mr. Wilson works at the pleasure of Governor Perdue and whatever issues are important. She will be going to Washington, D.C. sometime after Labor Day on her legislative matter and maybe Chairman Wood and Executive Director Donohue could meet with Mr. Wilson at that time.

Following further discussion and comments regarding selection of a consultant, Ms. Kelley made motion to rescind action of previous board meeting and substitute an action authorizing Chairman, Executive Director and other appropriate board members to meet with Mr. Pat Wilson, Director of Federal Affairs, to discuss the reauthorization of CBRA and its impact on Jekyll Island with the purpose of engaging him in that legislative effort and seeking his advice on engagement of outside consultants. If determined to be appropriate, authorize Executive Director to negotiate with a firm to an amount not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jones and carried by a vote of five to one. Mr. Collins, Mr. Boshears, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Kelley and Dr. Jones were in favor with Ms. Lynn being against.

Dr. Jones dropped from conference call at 10:30 a.m.

*Old Business:*

*-Holiday Inn Lease-* Mr. Lewis commented about the Holiday Inn approval made at Monday's board meeting and would like to see a clearer understanding of the Jekyll Club Associates' definition of "soon". Mr. Lewis asked Mr. Donohue if he could get some answers by September board meeting. Mr. Donohue responded that he could.

After lengthy discussion and comments by board members, Legal Counsel, Ms. Spencer stated that Mr. Lewis' comments were made upon the fact that he's concerned that the due diligence that is typically provided in a proposal of this kind has not been provided to date and the Board may want to hold off on final approval until all due diligence has been provided. Mr. Lewis wanted to make it clear that he does not want to kill the deal but does not want anything signed until JIA makes sure all due diligence has been done. Mr. Collins agreed.

Mr. Lewis made a motion to be briefed in September in preparation to proceed with the deal the Board has agreed to regarding Holiday Inn to make sure that all requests of staff have been met by September before the Authority proceeds. Ms. Kelley seconded motion. The motion was carried with a vote of three for, two against and one no vote. Ms. Kelley,

▫ Discussion - Consultant (Cont'd)

▫ Motion - Consultant

▫ Motion Approval

▫ Dr. Jones exits conference call

▫ Old Business – Holiday Inn Lease

▫ Motion Holiday Inn Lease

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Mr. Collins and Mr. Lewis were for, Ms. Lynn and Mr. Boshears were against and Dr. Jones did not vote as he dropped from the conference call at 10:30 a.m.

There being no additional business to discuss, a motion was made by Ms. Kelley and seconded by Ms. Lynn to adjourn the August 12, 2005 meeting of the Jekyll Island-State Park Authority.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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William A. Donohue  
Executive Director

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Richard V. Wood  
Chairman

▫ Motion Approval

▫ Motion to Adjourn

▫ Meeting Adjourned

Attachments

- Agenda