

House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Minutes of Meeting
2017 Regular Session
April 19, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. in Room 4, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Stuart J. Bishop, chairman
Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Terry R. Brown
Representative Patrick Connick
Representative Jean-Paul P. Coussan
Representative Phillip R. DeVillier
Representative Franklin J. Foil
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John E. Guinn
Representative Christopher J. Leopold, vice chairman
Representative Rodney Lyons
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative James H. "Jim" Morris
Representative Malinda B. White
Representative H. Eugene Reynolds
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Tanner D. Magee

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Su King, legislative analyst
Tyler S. McCloud, attorney
Karen Stephens, secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Collin Jenkins, clerk
Myrtis Jarrell, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

House Bill No. 470 by Representative Falconer

Representative Falconer presented House Bill No. 470, which authorizes the transfer of certain state property in St. Tammany Parish.

Ms. Kathy Foley, Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish, 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448, (985) 966-6199, spoke in support of House Bill No. 470 and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Mr. Nixon Adams, Recreation District #1 of St. Tammany Parish, 63350 Pelican Drive, Mandeville, LA 70448, (985) 264-2592, spoke in support of House Bill No. 470.

Representative Leopold offered a motion to report House Bill No. 470 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 470 was reported favorably by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Connick, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 5 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 495 by Representative Jim Morris

Representative Jim Morris presented House Bill No. 495, which authorizes the transfer of certain state property in Bossier Parish.

Mr. Kenny Patton, Arc of Acadiana, 6400 Highway 90, New Iberia, LA 70566, (337) 380-1654, spoke in support of House Bill No. 495.

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to report House Bill No. 495 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 495 was reported favorably by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Connick, Coussan, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 26 by Speaker Barras

On behalf of Speaker Barras, Representative Bishop presented House Bill No. 26, which authorizes the transfer of certain property near Spanish Lake in Iberia Parish.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to report House Bill No. 26 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 26 was reported favorably by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Coussan, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

House Bill No. 491 by Representative Leopold

Representative Leopold presented House Bill No. 491, which provides relative to advertisements and bids for the lease of public lands.

Representative Zeringue offered amendments to change the term "public entity" to "lessor" and make technical changes. Representative Zeringue offered a motion to adopt the proposed amendments. Without objection, the amendments were adopted by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Coussan, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Leopold offered a motion to report House Bill No. 491 with amendments. Without objection, House Bill No. 491 was reported with amendments by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Coussan, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

House Bill No. 158 by Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Dustin Miller presented House Bill No. 158, which authorizes the transfer of certain state property in St. Landry Parish.

Representative Billiot offered a motion to report House Bill No. 158 favorably. Without objection, House Bill No. 158 was reported favorably by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Coussan, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Consideration of approval of the sale of the following surplus properties:

Mr. Mark Moses, Division of Administration, office of state lands, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70810, (225) 342-9654, spoke for information only on the sale of surplus properties.

Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections - State Police Stock Barn / Firing Range

A 141.94 +/- Acre Parcel located in Sections 2, 3, 10 & 11, T-7-S, R-3-E, 11845 Buddy Ellis Road, Walker, LA, Livingston Parish, Appraised Value = \$2.13 million

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, Division of Administration, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to approve the property sale with the minimum sales price of \$2.13 million. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Connick, Coussan, DeVillier, Foil, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Dept. of Health and Hospitals - Hot Wells Resort

LA Hwy. 121, Hot Wells, LA, Rapides Parish, Appraised Value = \$115,000

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, Division of Administration, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to approve the property sale with the minimum sales price of \$115,000. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Terry Brown, Connick, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry - Beauregard Nursery

A 78.0 Acre Parcel, more or less, situated in a portion of the SE/4 & SW/4 of the NE/4 of Section 36, T-2-S R-11-W, Beauregard Parish, Appraised Value = \$233,000

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, Division of Administration, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to approve the property sale with the minimum sales price of \$233,00. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry - Oberlin Nursery

80 Acres, more or less, Oberlin, LA, Allen Parish, Appraised Value = \$149,000

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, Division of Administration, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit E, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to approve the property sale with the minimum sales price of \$149,000. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Lyons, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry - Kera Seed Orchard / Forest Seed Production Orchard

Hwy. 87, Newton / Buna, TX, Newton County, Appraised Value = \$305,000

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, Division of Administration, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit F, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to approve the property sale with the minimum sales price of \$305,000. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 13 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, Gisclair, Guinn, Lyons, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry

A 10.0 Acre Parcel, more or less located in Section 35, T-15-N, R-9-W, 1407, Layfield Road, Ringgold, LA, Bienville Parish, Appraised Value = \$82,000

Representative Jim Morris offered a motion to defer approval of the property sale. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, Gisclair, Guinn, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry - Columbia Nursery

A 90.0 Acre Parcel, more or less, situated in Section 41, T-13-N, R-4-E, on Hwy. 65, north of Columbia, LA, Caldwell Parish, Appraised Value = \$540,000

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, Division of Administration, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit G, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to approve the property sale with the minimum sales price of \$540,000. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 14 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Terry Brown, Coussan, Gisclair, Guinn, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, Jim Morris, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Dept. of Social Services, office of family support

244 Bond Street, Jonesboro, LA, Jackson Parish, Appraised Value = \$85,000

Mr. Jonathan Robillard, Division of Administration, office of state lands, 1201 N. Third Street, Suite G-150, Baton Rouge, LA, (225) 342-4575, spoke for information only and provided a handout, Exhibit H, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Bishop offered a motion to approve the property sale with the minimum sales price of \$85,000. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Armes, Billiot, Terry Brown, Connick, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Approval of 2016 meeting minutes dated March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 18

The minutes from the 2016 Regular Session dated March 16, March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13, April 20, April 27, May 4, May 11, and May 18 were presented to the committee for approval. Representative White offered a motion to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bishop, Billiot, Terry Brown, Connick, Coussan, DeVillier, Gisclair, Guinn, Leopold, Lyons, McFarland, Miguez, White, Reynolds, and Zeringue voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Stuart J. Bishop
House Committee on Natural Resources and Environment

Date approved: