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MINUTES OF THE
FOREVER WILD BOARD MEETING
The Lodge at Gulf State Park
Gulf Shores, Alabama
November 7, 2019

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approximately 10:00 a.m.

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1 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- 2 Commissioner Christopher M. Blankenship, Chairman
- 3 Mr. Rick Oates
- 4 Mr. Horace H. Horn, Jr.
- 5 Mr. David Wright
- 6 Dr. Douglas Watson
- 7 Dr. Salem Saloom
- 8 Mr. Reginald N. Holloway

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10 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Good morning. I'd like
 11 to call the Forever Wild Board Meeting
 12 to order. Welcome to the Gulf State
 13 Park Lodge, the new lodge and conference
 14 center here.

15 I'll go ahead and take the roll and
 16 see if we have a quorum. If I say your
 17 name, just indicate you're here.

18 Chris Blankenship, here.

19 Reginald Holloway?

20 MR. HOLLOWAY: Here.

21 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Horace Horn?

22 MR. HORN: Here.

23 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Raymond Jones?

(No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Rick Oates?

2 MR. OATES: Here.

3 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Dr. Saloom?

4 DR. SALOOM: Here.

5 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Mr. Satterfield?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Dr. Watson?

8 DR. WATSON: Here.

9 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Mr. Wright?

10 MR. WRIGHT: Here.

11 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: John Hall?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Patricia Sims?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Dr. Powers?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Russ Runyan?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Dr. Tolley-Jordan?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Dr. Valentine?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: We are required to have

1 nine members present to have a quorum,
2 and we have seven members here today. I
3 think this happened back in 2006 and
4 then again in 2013, so I think every
5 seven years we're due to have a meeting
6 without a quorum.

7 I appreciate the efforts to be here.
8 Mr. Jones is sick. And then Drs.
9 Valentine and Powers originally
10 planned -- hoped to attend, but they're
11 having a conference in Mobile that they
12 have once every ten years or so, and
13 both of them are presenting today and
14 couldn't make it all work in their
15 schedules. They had hoped to be able to
16 move something around, but they weren't
17 able to do that.

18 So we'll still take public comment
19 and still do some board actions, but we
20 won't be allowed to have a motion on any
21 properties or conduct any official
22 business at the meeting today.

23 I do want to welcome you all to the

1 Gulf State Park Lodge. The lodge has
2 been open one year. We opened on
3 November the 2nd last year. Here in
4 this room we've had quite a few people
5 here and the excitement of the building
6 opening and it has been a very
7 successful first year.

8 Greg Lein, our State Parks director,
9 is here.

10 And I hope that you have enjoyed
11 your stay while you're here and that
12 you'll come back when it's not a board
13 meeting or some other time but to
14 continue to come to the park. Not only
15 do we have the lodge and conference
16 center here -- and it's not going to be
17 the best day, it doesn't look like, for
18 enjoying the 28 miles of trails that are
19 across the street in the other 6,000
20 acres of the park. But you never know.
21 It'd be a lot cooler riding the bike
22 today. Maybe some other time.

23 But we do have Segway tours, and we

1 have a bike share program where you can
2 get a bike at no cost to enjoy the
3 trails and then walk in the rest of the
4 park.

5 Our Interpretive Center is down near
6 the pavilion. That's going to be the
7 first "Living Building" really in the --
8 certified in any hotel property in the
9 United States once that is certified
10 hopefully sometime later this year. So
11 I hope you will spend some time while
12 you're in Gulf State Park and at the
13 lodge to enjoy some of the other
14 amenities of the park during the time
15 that you're here.

16 I would like to recognize a new
17 member. Mr. Reginald Holloway from
18 Shelby County is a new member that has
19 taken the position that was vacated by
20 the resignation of Mr. Charles Ball. So
21 we are very glad to have you here on the
22 board, and you have the opportunity if
23 you would like to say a few words and

1 introduce yourself.

2 MR. HOLLOWAY: Yes. I'm Reginald Holloway,
3 manager of community services for the
4 Shelby County Commission. Commissioner
5 and other board members, it's a pleasure
6 to serve with you, and I look forward to
7 working with this dynamic program both
8 now and in the future. Just glad to be
9 here. Thank you, Mr. Commissioner.

10 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Thank you. Glad to
11 have you here.

12 And the other new appointee to the
13 board since our last meeting is Dr. Sean
14 Powers from the University of South
15 Alabama. Dr. Powers is the chair of the
16 marine sciences program at the
17 University of South Alabama. And like I
18 said, today he regrets his inability to
19 be here for his inaugural meeting, but
20 he's presenting some of his research
21 today at a conference in Mobile. He'll
22 be missed today, but he will be at the
23 next meeting in February. Looking

1 forward to serving with him on the
2 board.

3 Now is the time that we'll take
4 public comment. If you have -- I have a
5 handful of green slips here. If you
6 have not -- if you want to provide
7 public comment and you have not
8 registered to do that so far, if you
9 will just raise your hand, somebody will
10 get you a green slip.

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: All right. I don't see
13 anybody. So the first speaker will be
14 Brandon Harper on the Coldwater
15 Mountain-Andrews Addition Tract.

16 So if you'll just come up to the
17 microphone here. You've got about three
18 minutes to -- and that's going to be --
19 just a second. It's going to be Tab B,
20 page 5. Tab 4-B, page 5. And since
21 Mr. Holloway is new, I want to make sure
22 to give him an opportunity to find that
23 tract.

1 All right, Mr. Harper. Thank you.

2 Is that right, Harper?

3 MR. HARLAN: Harlan.

4 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Harlan.

5 MR. HARLAN: Yes, sir.

6 First off, thank you to
7 Mr. Blankenship and the rest of the
8 board for allowing me time to speak.
9 Thanks to Ms. Jo Lewis who has assisted
10 me in nominating this tract for Forever
11 Wild.

12 The tract lies adjoining to the
13 Coldwater Mountain Bike Trail Tract.
14 It's approximately 87 acres of wooded
15 property. It does have water on the
16 tract. I acquired the tract a little
17 over a year ago with the intention of
18 recreational use, but upon doing some
19 research and acquiring another tract
20 better suited to fit my wants and needs,
21 I sought out a place that the tract
22 could be utilized for recreation. And
23 being that it joined the current tract

1 that you have at Coldwater Mountain, I
2 thought it would be a great addition.

3 And it would also add road access in
4 two different areas to the current tract
5 that you have. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
6 Drive would give you road access as well
7 as, if I'm not misspeaking, Pyle Avenue
8 would give road access in an area that
9 doesn't currently have road frontage to
10 the property that you have.

11 And so I believe it would be a great
12 asset to the community to be added to
13 the Coldwater Mountain property that you
14 already have, and I believe it would be
15 a great asset to the public as a
16 recreational use. Because as you know
17 as well as I do, anytime that you can
18 gain access from the pavement in more
19 areas the more likely it is to be
20 utilized by the local residents or those
21 who may travel into the area to take
22 advantage of those recreational
23 opportunities.

1 I'm a hunter, a conservationist,
2 love the wild, love to see animals in
3 the wild, the wildlife thrive, and
4 really would love to see this tract that
5 is barely -- close in proximity to a
6 populated area be preserved in a manner
7 that would allow it to be used for the
8 furtherance of recreation in nature for
9 everyone that lives in that community.

10 Again, thank you, Mr. Blankenship,
11 and thank you to the board for allowing
12 me this opportunity to speak. And I
13 appreciate what you do, appreciate the
14 program that you facilitate and
15 everything it does for the furtherance
16 of wildlife and nature in the state of
17 Alabama. Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Thank you.

19 MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Commissioner, could I ask a
20 question?

21 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Mr. Wright.

22 MR. WRIGHT: The access, it looks like a --
23 according to my map, it looks like a

1 main road and then you branch off
2 into -- is it a housing/residential area
3 and then access to your property?

4 MR. HARLAN: From Martin Luther King, Jr.,
5 Drive there's direct access to the
6 property. Now, from Pyle Avenue you
7 would go through a residential area to
8 access the property.

9 MR. WRIGHT: Can I see you afterwards?

10 MR. HARLAN: Yeah, absolutely. And, I mean,
11 if I was looking at a map, I could show
12 you. It may not be drawn. It's three
13 separate tracts assessed by the county.
14 So that may be a confusion that it may
15 not have all three drawn properly or
16 something. But there is direct access.
17 I apologize.

18 Any further questions?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Thank you, sir.

21 MR. HARLAN: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Next would be Chandlar
23 Graham to speak on Thigpen Hill,

1 Tab 3-B, page 10. 3-B page 10.

2 Give everybody just a second,
3 Chandlar.

4 MS. McCURDY: For the board, with the rain
5 it's just hard to hear. Please,
6 everybody, if you speak, speak into your
7 mic. I think Tracye may be okay, but
8 I don't think anybody else can hear.

9 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Okay. Thank you.

10 All right, Chandlar. Thank you.

11 MR. GRAHAM: Thank y'all for allowing me to
12 speak today. Obviously I think
13 everybody is familiar with this tract.
14 It's been in the process for a while,
15 and today we were hoping to ask for a
16 second appraisal and purchase of this
17 property. Obviously that's not going to
18 happen, but just to speak of it just for
19 the record.

20 But this tract is located outside of
21 Greenville, Alabama. It has a lot of
22 potential to leverage existing
23 infrastructure between a public Robert

1 Trent Jones course, city park, lodging,
2 restaurants, and interstate access to
3 have quite an impact for the public.
4 The owner would love to see it go into
5 public ownership.

6 I did include -- I had one copy of a
7 baseline documentation that was done
8 back in 2013 that had -- I dropped it
9 off this morning. It's just one copy
10 because it's a lengthy report. But it
11 does identify approximately 2,000 acres
12 of this tract which is almost 50 percent
13 of what they classify as former prairie
14 land that has been -- through lack of
15 proper management has become, you know,
16 canopy forest.

17 And so I think there is some
18 restoration potential on this tract in
19 addition to its overall benefit to the
20 public if that goes into your equation.
21 But I understand today we probably can't
22 make a decision on it, but I just wanted
23 to present that to you. So thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Any questions for
2 Chandlar?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Thank you, sir.

5 The next speaker will be Steve
6 Northcutt on the Red Hills-Phase III
7 Flat Creek Addition, Tab 3-B, page 9.

8 MR. NORTHCUTT: Good morning. Nice to be
9 here. Steven Northcutt from The Nature
10 Conservancy.

11 I know I speak a lot about the Red
12 Hills, but it's a project that's very
13 dear to my heart. And if you look at
14 the overall success in this area in
15 Monroe County, the Forever Wild Board
16 has done a remarkable job at leveraging
17 their money to buy property here. Going
18 back to 2008, they started off with the
19 Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries
20 seeking grant money to help buy these
21 properties, and they have had a great
22 success.

23 There's three pots of money that

1 have been used to help leverage the
2 purchase. They come from Habitat
3 Conservation Planning. An HCP is
4 something that a private timber owner
5 would do with -- it was an agreement
6 through U.S. Fish and Wildlife to say we
7 will not disturb this habitat to the Red
8 Hills salamander.

9 And by the way, the Red Hills
10 salamander is the state amphibian.

11 So the Red Hills salamander is only
12 known to occur in a few sites in Alabama
13 and nowhere else on earth. So because
14 of that fact, if you would enroll in
15 this HCP, you promise not to disturb
16 their slope habitat, which they have to
17 have, you know, shade and they have to
18 have moisture for them to live in that.
19 So you can't go and cut these slopes,
20 which is important. So it becomes an
21 HCP if you sign up for that.

22 The key to that is as an HCP it's
23 eligible for funding through U.S. Fish

1 and Wildlife for HCP land-acquisition
2 money. And years ago Alabama never got
3 any of that money, and Governor Bob
4 Riley wrote a letter to U.S. Fish and
5 Wildlife saying we never get any of this
6 money, would you help us. And they
7 doubled the grant request after that.

8 And I know for a fact that U.S. Fish
9 and Wildlife is very supportive of this
10 effort. In fact, I got an email last
11 night from one of the biologists.
12 They're doing a formal study to see what
13 it would take to delist the salamander.
14 And these salamanders are in five
15 distinct subspecies that are called
16 demes, D-E-M-E-S. I've never heard of
17 it. But they're saying that, you know,
18 when they look at their distribution
19 across the state, if a certain number of
20 acres can be put into program
21 protection, they will try to delist
22 that. And that is significant. That's
23 a nationwide achievement that I think we

1 could all be proud of.

2 So today I know you can't formally
3 make a decision. But I would just like
4 to mention that you've got several
5 pieces lined up for first appraisal,
6 second appraisal, closing. But
7 Phase III, which is about 2600 acres --
8 and if you look at your map, you'll see
9 how that fits in with the rest of the
10 ownership.

11 You do now have a first appraisal.
12 It has come back. And when we get to
13 the February board meeting, I'll be back
14 and we'll talk about the possibility of
15 making a motion to do a second appraisal
16 and close contingent on the U.S. Fish
17 and Wildlife money. You'll actually
18 have a letter of intent that confirms
19 that. At the last board meeting I know
20 the Brown Schutt property -- a similar
21 motion that you made where you would do
22 a second appraisal and close contingent
23 on Fish and Wildlife money.

1 So, again, I know you can't make a
2 decision today, but I'll be back and
3 we'll talk about that in February.

4 Any questions about Red Hills?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Thank you, Steve.

7 MR. NORTHCUTT: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: So our next speaker is
9 Mr. Will Brantley to talk about the
10 Little River Annex in Escambia County.
11 This property has not yet been
12 nominated, so it won't have a map or any
13 information in your book.

14 And I think you're going to give us
15 a little bit of an education on some
16 grant processes and opportunities for
17 leverage. So since it's going to take a
18 little educational minute, I'm not going
19 to hold you to the three minutes. You
20 are welcome to educate us.

21 MR. BRANTLEY: Thank you, Commissioner. I
22 appreciate it. Thank you for the time
23 in front of the board today.

1 As the Commissioner mentioned, I
2 wanted to bring you folks up to speed on
3 an emerging opportunity, a potential
4 partnership. But before that let me
5 just kind of give a little bit of
6 background on the land-acquisition grant
7 program that the Alabama Forestry
8 Commission manages.

9 This is a program called the Forest
10 Legacy Program. It's been around since
11 1990, and there's a long history of this
12 program benefiting the state. Since its
13 inception the state has acquired
14 eight -- I believe it's eight tracts
15 totaling almost 14,000 acres ranging
16 from Jackson County in the northeast to
17 Mobile County here in the extreme
18 southwest. So we've got tracts
19 scattered all over the state that were
20 provided by Forest Legacy.

21 In each instance, however, there was
22 a relationship and a partnership with
23 the Forever Wild Land Trust Board. And

1 that's why we're here talking to you
2 guys today because there's an
3 opportunity that may be of interest to
4 the board and we wanted to share that
5 with you. As Chris mentioned, this has
6 not yet been nominated, but that
7 nomination will be forthcoming.

8 We own a state forest. And I've
9 passed out two maps. The first map, the
10 simpler version, you will see that we
11 own the state forest that's split
12 between Monroe County and Escambia
13 County. It's called Little River State
14 Forest. The river named for that runs
15 through the state forest. There's
16 almost 2900 acres south and west of that
17 property that touches it on the
18 southwest piece that would be available
19 for acquisition.

20 We have been awarded two Forest
21 Legacy grants. We have them in hand.
22 And we would utilize those grants to
23 acquire this property. The grants

1 obviously require a partnership match,
2 and that's what we would be interested
3 in talking to the board about at the
4 right time.

5 We do not yet have an appraisal on
6 the property, but we have funding to do
7 that appraisal. And we're going to move
8 forward with that, and we would do it --
9 we would work with Ms. McCurdy and her
10 staff to make sure that that appraisal
11 is done in such a way that it could be
12 utilized for the board if it was -- if
13 the board so desires to consider it.

14 And this is a pretty unique tract of
15 land. There's -- and I've never been
16 here, but there's something called the
17 mystery worm pond that is on this tract.
18 And it's a cypress -- it's a
19 limestone-based cypress pond, and it's
20 supposed to be the best example of one
21 of those in the state. I understand
22 maybe some ecology classes go to it.
23 But that would be on the property that

1 we're looking at acquiring. It also
2 would be excellent longleaf pine habitat
3 and we will be restoring that. It just
4 came under public ownership. And going
5 along with that, it would support gopher
6 tortoise habitat, which is a species of
7 conservation interest right now.

8 So I think there's a lot of assets
9 to this property that would be useful
10 for the board to consider, and we're
11 excited about the opportunity. But we
12 do have two awarded grants that would
13 connect to this property, and we're
14 hopeful for a partnership with the
15 board. So I'm just going to kind of
16 pause there for a moment and see if
17 there's any questions.

18 DR. SALOOM: So does RMS own this property
19 now, or who owns the property?

20 MR. BRANTLEY: RMS is the owner of the
21 property.

22 DR. SALOOM: They own the property?

23 MR. BRANTLEY: Yes, sir.

1 DR. SALOOM: So tell us a little bit about the
2 silvicultural practices on this property
3 and what -- is it mostly longleaf or is
4 it mixed stands or what?

5 MR. BRANTLEY: It's mixed stands. The second
6 map, sort of the busier map, has a
7 little bit more information. There
8 is -- you know, this has been managed,
9 you know, for -- it's a working forest.
10 It's been managed for fiber production,
11 for recreation, those kinds of
12 attributes.

13 There is a lot of loblolly on the
14 forest. There are some stands of
15 longleaf. We would want to increase the
16 acreage of longleaf on the property for
17 sure. There's some young stands, some
18 cut-overs that have been reforested.
19 But there's some nice hardwood -- mixed
20 pine and hardwood drains, and I
21 mentioned the cypress component as well.

22 DR. SALOOM: So RMS has the Coastal
23 Headquarters property, and this is not

1 too far from that. Is that correct?

2 MR. BRANTLEY: This is part of that.

3 DR. SALOOM: This is part of the Coastal
4 Headwaters?

5 MR. BRANTLEY: Yes.

6 DR. SALOOM: The 200,000 acres?

7 MR. BRANTLEY: Yes. This is all described as
8 the Coastal Headwaters Project. That
9 was the grant -- Forest Legacy grant
10 that was awarded.

11 DR. SALOOM: Okay. I thought that that
12 200,000 acres was not going to be sold
13 from RMS, that they were going to manage
14 that in perpetuity.

15 MR. BRANTLEY: So these grants that we
16 obtained were awarded in FY17 and FY18,
17 and the grants as originally
18 contemplated were for conservation
19 easements --

20 DR. SALOOM: Right.

21 MR. BRANTLEY: -- or to acquire easements.

22 This is why this is sort of emerging and
23 breaking news, if you will. That has

1 recently -- for this particular piece
2 that has shifted to a fee simple
3 acquisition. So for this it would be a
4 fee simple acquisition, not an easement.

5 DR. SALOOM: So this is not under the
6 conservation easement program that RMS
7 has gotten from USDA?

8 MR. BRANTLEY: No. I mean, it's -- again,
9 USDA is the one who gave us the grants
10 to get this through the Forest Service.

11 DR. SALOOM: Exactly.

12 MR. BRANTLEY: And it was originally
13 contemplated as an easement, but that
14 has recently pivoted towards a fee
15 simple for this piece only. I'm not
16 trying to represent any other pieces
17 about the Coastal Headwaters, but for
18 this piece.

19 DR. SALOOM: Okay. Thank you.

20 MR. OATES: Salem, a comment on that. When
21 you were on the Forestry Commission, I
22 think this grant was probably part of
23 when you were there. The later

1 commissioners had decided they were not
2 interested in the conservation easement,
3 and we worked with them to turn it into
4 a fee simple purchase, which I think is
5 a better -- more advantageous to the
6 state.

7 MR. SALOOM: Right. Yeah, I knew that
8 discussion was going on.

9 MR. OATES: It gives us better control of the
10 property.

11 MR. BRANTLEY: Commissioner, I, too, would add
12 that there would be, I think, some great
13 outdoor recreational opportunities with
14 this tract. Little River already
15 participates in the state's public
16 hunting program manned by your Wildlife
17 and Freshwater Fisheries Division. We
18 would welcome that expansion on this
19 property if it's acquired. We have met
20 with Mr. Sykes and his staff to discuss
21 that possibility. We've met with
22 Ms. McCurdy and her staff. And we're
23 going to continue working closely with

1 your folks to work towards this.

2 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Any other questions for
3 Mr. Brantley?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Thank you, Will.

6 MR. BRANTLEY: Yes, sir.

7 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: That was the last
8 comment card I have. So if there's
9 anybody that wanted to make a comment,
10 now is the opportunity.

11 (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: If not, all right.

13 Thank you.

14 So this is the part of the meeting
15 where we generally recess for Executive
16 Session to discuss tract appraisals and
17 other things in Executive Session.
18 Since we don't have a quorum today,
19 we're not going to dismiss for the
20 Executive Session to ensure that we're
21 abiding by the open records and open
22 meetings law. So we will not adjourn
23 today to Executive Session. So with

1 that, I guess we'll move into the
2 program status reports.

3 Ms. McCurdy, looking at Tab 5 -- I
4 guess yours would be in Tab 2.

5 MS. McCURDY: Yeah. We'll start initially in
6 Tab 2 and also move partially into
7 Tab 3. So I'll let the board get to
8 Tab 2.

9 Also, for the board, in your green
10 folders you received yellow pages that
11 were somewhat more updated information.
12 There's some information we could not
13 run until the end of the month. And so
14 we have some updated information to
15 provide.

16 But this is the portion of the
17 meeting every time where I like to run
18 through -- first of all, try to give you
19 an idea of what the land-acquisition
20 money looks like, what you have
21 available, and also update you on the
22 tracts that are in the closing process.
23 And then we'll update on any closings or

1 any offers that have been declined.

2 We're at the end of the fiscal year,
3 which is kind of how we keep up with
4 some of the information. So as we go
5 through, I'll be making that distinction
6 and noting that along the way.

7 So to start with, as always, I want
8 to run through the available balance
9 that you have if we had had a quorum
10 today to move forward on some
11 acquisition opportunities.

12 So the balance in the fund currently
13 is just over \$36 million. However, as I
14 always say, I have to subtract a lot of
15 things from that. I have to subtract
16 the parcels that you've directed the
17 staff to try to close on. So let me run
18 through those, and then we'll take all
19 that into consideration and talk about
20 unencumbered balance.

21 The tracts that are currently being
22 worked on in the closing process
23 include: The Cahaba River-Mohon Tract.

1 Cahaba River -- and that's Bibb County.
2 Cahaba River-Savage Tract, Shelby
3 County. Red Hills-Flat Creek Phase I,
4 Monroe. Red Hills-Flat Creek Phase II,
5 Monroe. Red Hills-Parris Trust
6 Addition, Monroe. Skyline WMA-Crow
7 Mountain Addition. That's Jackson
8 County. Beaverdam Swamp, Limestone
9 County. Black River South, Baldwin
10 County. D'Olive Bay, Baldwin County.
11 Monte Sano State Park-McCombs Addition,
12 Madison. Red Hills-Brown Schutt Trust
13 Additions, Monroe. And Red
14 Hills-Section 2, Monroe County.

15 Taking all of those adjustments --
16 again, hopefully they will all close --
17 into account, you are left with
18 approximately \$14 million -- just over
19 \$14 million of an unencumbered balance.

20 Now, I just want to note for the
21 board that in doing the calculation that
22 we always do for you about your capital
23 spending authority -- which, again, is a

1 function of the state budgetary process,
2 meaning the dollar amount you have
3 available for the actual land price, the
4 price of the transaction not considering
5 the 15-percent stewardship fund that we
6 have to transfer.

7 For FY20 your capital spending
8 authority is going to be just over \$14
9 million. So you always want to keep
10 that -- now, we keep up with that for
11 you at meetings where you're able to
12 make motions, but I wanted just for you
13 to be aware in the context of various
14 opportunities that that would be the
15 capital spending authority for the
16 current fiscal year which began
17 October 1st and will run through
18 September 30th.

19 Let me stop there for a second. Any
20 question on the balance -- unencumbered
21 balance information?

22 (No response.)

23 MS. McCURDY: Okay. I also wanted to run

1 through -- since we have just closed a
2 fiscal year, I wanted to run through the
3 properties that were subjects of motions
4 in the last fiscal year by this board
5 for acquisitions. Over the last fiscal
6 year we had 15 properties that we moved
7 and attempted to acquire. Of those 15,
8 12 tracts were acquired. We had three
9 offers declined. I'm going to run
10 through those now. Again, this was as
11 of September 30th.

12 The Barbour WMA-Bibb Creek Addition.
13 That was in Barbour County. And that
14 one closed.

15 Big Canoe Creek-Epps Addition.
16 That's St. Clair County. That closed.

17 Burgess Swap. That is in Colbert,
18 and that was closed.

19 Caldwell Swamp, Baldwin County.
20 That offer was declined.

21 Coldwater Mountain-Martin Addition
22 in Calhoun County. That was declined.

23 Coldwater Mountain-Rice Addition and

1 Coldwater Mountain-Sarrell Addition.

2 Both of those successfully closed.

3 Freedom Hills WMA-Buzzard Roost
4 Creek Addition. That offer was
5 declined.

6 Freedom Hills WMA-Robbins Addition
7 in Colbert County. That tract closed.

8 Grand Bay Savanna-Little River
9 Addition closed. Grand Bay
10 Savanna-Richards Addition. Both of
11 those are in Mobile County and both of
12 those closed.

13 Guntersville State Park-Smith
14 Cemetery Addition, Marshall County,
15 closed.

16 The Slaughter Swap in Baldwin County
17 closed.

18 The Tannehill-Ayers Addition in
19 Jefferson County closed.

20 And the Weeks Bay Reserve-Meadows
21 Phase III Additions in Baldwin County
22 closed.

23 I believe that those tracts cover

1 eight counties. So we were able to add
2 additions in eight counties across the
3 state.

4 We have not yet closed transactions
5 all the way to close. In this fiscal
6 year we have several that we're working
7 on right now. So we'll have some of
8 those to do at this current FY update at
9 the next meeting.

10 Any question on those closings?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. HORN: These are the properties that were
13 closed during the past fiscal year. Is
14 that right?

15 MS. McCURDY: Yes, sir. That's a summary for
16 the last fiscal year. We have several
17 that are very actively being closed
18 right now. So we just haven't had one
19 technically happen in the month of
20 October. So that's why you see nothing
21 for the current FY.

22 Any more questions?

23 (No response.)

1 MS. McCURDY: I next wanted to also give some
2 information on the status of our
3 stewardship fund. Again, since we've
4 come to the close of the past fiscal
5 year, I can tell you that -- and there
6 could be some minor adjustments. Again,
7 until we get all the way through the
8 final fiscal year-end accounting, there
9 could be some minor adjustments.

10 But we believe that from the
11 \$1.5 million that this board budgeted
12 and motioned to allow us to spend from
13 the stewardship fund that we had a
14 remaining balance of approximately
15 \$280,000. We always like to have a
16 little bit of cushion. So that worked
17 out about as we had anticipated and
18 hoped for the fiscal year.

19 You will also see information
20 regarding expenditures from the
21 stewardship fund for the current fiscal
22 year. As you will see, we have about
23 \$26,000 so far, but obviously that will

1 increase. We've only had about one
2 month of that. So the board has also
3 budgeted and motioned to allow the
4 \$1.5 million of expenditures from the
5 stewardship fund for this fiscal year.
6 We will continue to keep you updated on
7 the expenditures from that account.

8 The net assets as of the end of the
9 fiscal year was just over \$36 million.
10 Again, that's important, though, for
11 that balance to stay at a significant
12 number to provide us the ability to do
13 the work we need to do perpetually
14 through the life of the program.

15 And, again, the stewardship fund is
16 funded by 15-percent transfers at the
17 time of land acquisition. In order for
18 you to motion to acquire a property, we
19 have to have not only enough money to
20 buy the land, but enough money to move
21 15 percent of the appraised value into
22 the stewardship fund. As the board
23 would recall, even on properties that

1 are donated we move that 15 percent.
2 Each property has to kind of carry its
3 own weight into the stewardship fund.

4 You will also see in your green
5 folder -- again, there were some numbers
6 we had to wait for at the end of the
7 month -- in Tab 2-C, which is the
8 investment report that the Treasurer
9 provides -- that Commissioner has been
10 working with the Treasurer's office to
11 provide for the board. It gives some
12 additional information as to that
13 \$36 million.

14 Commissioner, is there anything you
15 want to add as to that?

16 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: I think as you can see
17 from the fund performance over the past
18 fiscal year that just ended, we returned
19 right around 10 percent on the
20 investments for the stewardship fund,
21 which has been a very good year.

22 This is the format that we
23 decided -- after multiple discussions

1 with the board, we'll try and provide
2 information that's most relevant and
3 easy to digest on the stewardship fund.
4 This is the format that we used last
5 quarter and are trying to use moving
6 forward.

7 If you do have any feedback on this
8 or any questions about it after you've
9 had a chance to look at it and want
10 something different or a better
11 explanation, we'll be glad to provide
12 it. But I think this captures the
13 request from the board over the last
14 year or so of what they would like to
15 see for the stewardship report.

16 MS. McCURDY: And this is the second meeting
17 under this format for that report. But,
18 again, continue to let us know if
19 there's, you know, a different format
20 that the board would like to see. But I
21 appreciate Commissioner's work with the
22 Treasurer's office, and I think that's
23 very helpful to be able to provide.

1 Yes, sir.

2 DR. SALOOM: Does this board or the state,
3 another commission or whatever or
4 organization or committee, determine who
5 manages this money? How is that
6 determined?

7 MS. McCURDY: The Treasurer, same as for the
8 Alabama Trust Fund.

9 DR. SALOOM: The Trust Fund. Okay.

10 And are we -- so we're budgeted a
11 million-five out of the 36,000 plus for
12 the year?

13 MS. McCURDY: Out of the 36 million. That is
14 what the board motioned.

15 We have to motion prior to the end
16 of a prior fiscal year. So I forget
17 which meeting we did it at. But under
18 the amendment we have to do that that
19 far in advance. And so that's what the
20 board passed.

21 Again, that, we hope, includes a
22 little bit of cushion, but we never know
23 since we have to set it so far in

1 advance. But we did ask to continue
2 with that \$1.5 million. That's kind of
3 been the standard that we've been able
4 to work within. But, yes, that's what
5 we'll be using this fiscal year.

6 DR. SALOOM: Okay. Thank you.

7 MS. McCURDY: Any additional questions on the
8 stewardship fund?

9 (No response.)

10 MS. McCURDY: Next I would like to run
11 through -- this will be Tab 3-A -- for
12 the benefit of the board but also the
13 public for the tracts that -- based on
14 the board's prior motions that we did
15 receive and have obtained the appraisals
16 as requested by the board. So these
17 would be the tracts that would be, if we
18 had a quorum today, available for
19 motions related to further action for
20 second appraisals and purchase. So let
21 me run through those.

22 We have the Cedar Creek SOA Addition
23 back. That's in Dallas County. Cedar

1 Creek SOA-Elm Bluff Addition, also in
2 Dallas County. Coldwater Mountain-Young
3 Addition, Calhoun. Red Hills-Flat Creek
4 Phase III, Monroe. And Thigpen Hill in
5 Butler County.

6 As a very, very rough approximation
7 of the cost to the program of
8 stewardship fund transfers, those would
9 be about \$15 million or so. So you can
10 see, as usual, we have a lot of
11 opportunities that usually outshine the
12 available funds.

13 I do want to note some appraisals
14 that are still in process to update you
15 on those. As we've mentioned before,
16 when you motion for an appraisal, we go
17 back to the landowners and get from them
18 all the deed information, any other
19 restrictions or easements that may be on
20 the property. We try to have as much
21 information as possible to be able to
22 send it to the appraiser so that the
23 product we get from the appraisal is

1 accurate and we don't have to go back
2 and adjust it or change it later which
3 throws off our process here.

4 And so sometimes it does take the
5 landowners a while to gather and get
6 that information for us. If it raises
7 questions with the staff, we then have
8 to have some follow-up with the
9 landowners. Sometimes some of the
10 appraisals involve timber cruises that
11 take a little longer. So we don't
12 always have them back one meeting to the
13 next right after a motion. So I want to
14 just remind you of the ones you had
15 asked us to proceed with that we are
16 currently working on.

17 Those appraisals include: Coldwater
18 Mountain-Oxanna Addition, Calhoun.
19 Prairie Grove Glades, Lawrence County.
20 Red Hills-Baucom Addition, Monroe.
21 Weeks Bay Reserve-Snook Addition,
22 Baldwin County. Those are ones we're
23 actively working on.

1 We do have one tract that we have
2 not actually initiated the appraisal on,
3 the Locust Fork-Palmer Tract. The board
4 had asked staff to try to work with the
5 landowners to reconfigure that
6 nomination. So we didn't want to have
7 the expense of that appraisal until we
8 finished seeing if we could work that
9 out with the landowner.

10 But that's the update on appraisal
11 status following your motions. If there
12 are any questions on the status of
13 appraisals, we can talk about that.

14 Any questions?

15 (No response.)

16 MS. McCURDY: Commissioner, I think that
17 covers what I usually cover. So I will
18 now get Doug Deaton to come up and
19 discuss with the board the current
20 status of the various grant
21 opportunities that staff has been
22 pursuing. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Doug.

1 MR. DEATON: All right. Next I'll move into
2 the grant status update. If you'll look
3 at Tab 5-A, we have provided a memo
4 there for you guys to give an update on
5 where we are.

6 While you turn to that tab, I do
7 want to mention for the board and those
8 attending the meeting today that both
9 DCNR staff -- both Wildlife and
10 Freshwater Fisheries and State Lands
11 Division staff, we routinely seek out
12 land-acquisition grant opportunities to
13 help further the Forever Wild dollar.
14 And at each meeting we give a report to
15 update the board and the public about
16 the different grants that we have and
17 where we are in the process there.

18 And so as noted in the memo
19 provided, staff has submitted a grant
20 application both for the RLA and HCP
21 programs, Section 6 funding, through the
22 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These
23 funds, if they are awarded, they can be

1 applied to the Red Hills-Brown Schutt
2 Trust nomination and the Red Hills-Flat
3 Creek Phase III nomination. And those
4 are the two that Steve Northcutt
5 mentioned earlier today.

6 I won't go into detail about each
7 tract. I just want to let you know that
8 we're still waiting on the award of
9 those grants. We know that they have
10 gone up to, so to speak, the
11 headquarters waiting on final approval.
12 So we're still waiting patiently.

13 At the last meeting the board
14 motioned to proceed to second appraisal
15 and purchase of the Red Hills-Brown
16 Schutt Trust contingent upon that award.
17 And at the last meeting we did not have
18 the Red Hills-Flat Creek Phase III
19 appraisal, but we do have that available
20 if the board is interested in reviewing
21 that between now and the next meeting
22 when you can make motions to acquire
23 tracts.

1 Is there any question about the Red
2 Hills portions of the grant?

3 (No response.)

4 MR. DEATON: Next I'll give a quick update on
5 Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration
6 funds.

7 You'll notice on the second page of
8 the grant memo there are two tracts that
9 Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries are
10 offering to partner with Forever Wild to
11 acquire. These tracts would be
12 additions to the current Cedar Creek SOA
13 in Dallas County, and Wildlife and
14 Freshwater Fisheries is offering a 75/25
15 match on those. Both tracts have
16 appraisals that are available for your
17 review if you guys want to see those as
18 well for future consideration.

19 Also I just want to note on the last
20 few pages of the memo that we provided
21 there you'll see what we call our
22 acreage split maps, and those are the
23 proposed splits of what we're

1 representing as a 75/25 split between
2 Wildlife and Forever Wild.

3 And just a quick note. As a benefit
4 to the board, Chuck Sykes, Director of
5 Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, he's
6 preparing a presentation to be presented
7 at the February board meeting. We're
8 coming up on five years where Wildlife
9 and Forever Wild have been partnering,
10 and he wants to talk about the realized
11 benefits of that partnership, the
12 properties that have been acquired, also
13 do an overview of the SOA program, the
14 Special Opportunities Area program, and
15 talk about the success that it's had
16 since the inception.

17 So that's all I have for the grant
18 status updates. Are there any questions
19 about the information I provided?

20 MR. HOLLOWAY: Doug?

21 MR. DEATON: Yes, sir.

22 MR. HOLLOWAY: When do you expect to hear from
23 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife on the

1 grants?

2 MR. DEATON: Our hope is to hear by January.

3 In talking to some of the folks at
4 U.S. Fish and Wildlife, we're hopeful to
5 hear by then. But with the
6 nontraditional funding, there's no set
7 date as opposed to the traditional
8 funding. But that's kind of what we're
9 hearing, but no guarantee.

10 MR. HOLLOWAY: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Any questions for Doug?

12 (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Chuck, did you want to
14 say anything about any of the -- Doug
15 covered for you?

16 MR. SYKES: Doug did a fantastic job.

17 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Wonderful. No
18 questions for Doug. Thanks, Doug.

19 Now Jo will go over the short-list
20 nominations, and that will be Tab 4.

21 MS. LEWIS: At this time I'd like to go over
22 the nominations information. That's
23 Tab 4.

1 Primarily you can look at 4-A, the
2 first sheet, which is an alphabetical
3 arrangement of the tracts that scored in
4 the top-three category -- in each
5 category of use in each district of the
6 state. It's the usual arrangement. You
7 can see the narratives and the maps
8 starting in 4-B, and those are maps and
9 narratives arranged in the same
10 sequence.

11 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: So before you go to
12 this, since we have a new board member,
13 let me take just a second to explain.
14 And you correct me when I'm wrong -- not
15 if I'm wrong. When I'm wrong.

16 So as properties are nominated for
17 Forever Wild, they are scored by our
18 Natural Heritage Section of the State
19 Lands Division, and they're scored in
20 different categories, whether it's a
21 nature preserve, state park --

22 MS. LEWIS: Actually the different divisions
23 score for the different categories of

1 use.

2 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: So then all of those
3 nominations are scored. And so what Jo
4 presents today as the short list,
5 they're, I think, the top three in each
6 category in each district.

7 MS. LEWIS: Top three, yes.

8 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: So it's the northern,
9 middle, and southern districts.

10 MS. LEWIS: And if you turn to the second page
11 of 4-A, you can see that it is arranged
12 that way. Some of the nominations occur
13 in more than one portion of the second
14 page of 4-A because sometimes the
15 nominations score in the top three.
16 They compete really well in more than
17 one category of use. They're only going
18 to occur in one district because it's
19 geographic. Hypothetically there could
20 be 36 nominations.

21 But if you look at that second
22 sheet, you can see that some tracts
23 short-list in more than one category of

1 use. In some areas we don't have
2 nominations that fit, primarily state
3 parks, because generally you have to be
4 adjacent to a state park and there is
5 limited pieces of land in the state
6 adjacent to state parks that are
7 supportive of the program and have
8 willing sellers. So we lose nine right
9 there.

10 But it's a mix, and we run through
11 this competitive ranking each quarter of
12 the meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Thank you. Since we
14 had a new member and some new people in
15 the audience, I wanted to make sure it
16 was kind of clear that not every
17 property that's nominated for Forever
18 Wild would be available for us to take
19 action on. It has to score in one of
20 those categories at a certain -- to be
21 on the short list.

22 MS. LEWIS: This scoring criteria is
23 established -- it was voted in by the

1 Board of Trustees, I think, in '93. It
2 might have been '94. So we've been
3 doing it this same way and try to be
4 very consistent and very fair.

5 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Thank you, Jo.

6 MS. LEWIS: Thank you.

7 So the short list this time begins
8 with: Briar Lake, which is 111 acres in
9 Baldwin County. Coldwater
10 Mountain-Andrews Addition, which is
11 86 acres in Calhoun County. D'Olive Bay
12 Addition in Baldwin County, 29 acres.
13 Hobbs Island, which is 334 acres in
14 Madison County. Lowndes WMA-Johnson
15 Hill Addition, which is 783 acres in
16 Lowndes County. Magnolia South Tract,
17 which is 11,434 acres in Baldwin County.
18 MTD, which is Mobile-Tensaw Delta, Three
19 Lakes Tract, which is 8,200 acres in
20 Clarke County. Old Cahawba Prairie-S&P
21 Addition, which is 392 acres in Dallas
22 County. Penitentiary Mountain,
23 3,928 acres in Shelby County. Perdido

1 WMA-McNeill Addition, 23 acres in
2 Baldwin County. Saginaw Swamp, which is
3 160 acres in Shelby County. Shelby
4 Crossroads, which is 684 acres in Shelby
5 County. Sipse River Swamp-Mill Creek
6 Addition, which is 274 acres in
7 Tuscaloosa County. And, finally,
8 Yates-Porter Addition, which is 47 acres
9 in Elmore County.

10 I'd be happy to answer any questions
11 that you have about the nominations or
12 the maps.

13 (No response.)

14 MS. LEWIS: And, finally, we do have a Tab 4-C
15 which is a list of all of the currently
16 active nominations in the Forever Wild
17 program listed by district and county.
18 Nominations are only considered active
19 if we have a documentation of the
20 willing seller status that the landowner
21 is willing to participate and have their
22 land considered.

23 Thank you. Appreciate it.

1 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Now is the time for
2 general board discussion. This is
3 generally the portion where we would
4 make our motions for nominations for
5 first or second appraisal of properties.
6 But since we don't have a quorum today,
7 do you have -- is there any other
8 general discussion or questions that you
9 have about anything?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: So now we move on to
12 the miscellaneous reports in section 7.

13 MS. McCURDY: I do have one sort of
14 staff/administrative item of business I
15 do want to bring before the board, and
16 that is -- you'll find -- look at
17 Tab 5-B, if you would. I'll let you get
18 there.

19 While the board is getting to 5-B, I
20 want to, for the benefit of the board
21 and also for the public, just kind of
22 remind everyone that we had a motion by
23 the board -- an action in February of

1 2018 where the board adopted a procedure
2 by which staff would automatically take
3 action to sort of clean up, for lack of
4 a better word, the appraised nominations
5 listing and the short-list nominations
6 listing. And so what the board asked of
7 staff was to keep count of the number of
8 meetings at which no board action of any
9 type -- and that does not have to be
10 necessarily a vote, for example, for
11 acquisition, but it's a request for
12 follow up by the board. It's a request
13 for additional information, a request
14 for staff to get back with a landowner
15 and work through an issue.

16 But after a certain number of
17 meetings with no board action, the board
18 instructed staff to remove tracts from
19 the appraised nomination and short-list
20 items. For appraised nominations it
21 would occur after four meetings with no
22 board action of any type. For the
23 short-list nominations the board

1 selected after six meetings for staff to
2 take that action. So this is something
3 that staff automatically does
4 administratively. But I did want to
5 bring that matter up.

6 Following this meeting the tracts
7 that staff would remove automatically
8 from the short-list nominations --
9 there's nothing related to the
10 appraised-nomination listing -- but two
11 short-list nominations. The
12 Mobile-Tensaw Delta-Three Lakes Tract
13 and the Shelby Crossroads Tract that
14 have been on the short list will be
15 removed because we've hit the number of
16 meetings with no board action unless one
17 of the members today asks us to keep it
18 on.

19 And that's not really a vote of any
20 type. It's just an instruction for
21 staff pursuant to the prior motion. But
22 without any instruction today, those two
23 will be removed.

1 The reason that -- especially on the
2 short list, that I think the board --
3 that does allow other tracts to roll up
4 onto the short list. Those -- each item
5 on the short list is occupying the
6 first, second, or third position. If
7 there is a number four, this allows that
8 tract to move up.

9 Anyway, so that's the history. But
10 those are the two tracts at issue today.
11 And it will be removed by staff unless
12 there's a request otherwise from one of
13 the board members.

14 MR. OATES: Just a question, Patti. Since we
15 don't have a quorum today, does that
16 make a difference?

17 MS. McCURDY: It does not in this situation
18 because it's an automatic administrative
19 action of staff based on the board's
20 prior -- however, also, if you think you
21 would like to have both of these remain
22 until the next meeting --

23 MR. OATES: I was just asking the question.

1 MS. McCURDY: We've conferred with counsel,
2 and we're comfortable because of the
3 automatic nature of this -- really it's
4 administrative cleanup. But we're happy
5 to leave them on if anyone would like
6 to. It could be easily done.

7 MR. WRIGHT: Patti, I would like to see Shelby
8 Crossroads stay on.

9 MS. McCURDY: Shelby Crossroads to remain.
10 Thank you, Mr. Wright.

11 Anyone else like to ask that
12 something remain on?

13 (No response.)

14 MS. McCURDY: All right. Well, thank you very
15 much. That helps us. And that's all I
16 think we really --

17 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Do you want to discuss
18 the management plans or just save those
19 until the February meeting where we can
20 vote to approve those?

21 MS. McCURDY: I think that we could certainly
22 take any questions from the board based
23 upon your review, but I think we'll just

1 go through those all at once at the next
2 meeting.

3 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Anybody have a burning
4 question about either the Tannehill
5 Ayers Addition or the Barbour WMA-Leak
6 Creek Addition Management Plans?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: All right. We'll just
9 save the action on those, then, until --
10 we'll leave those for the February
11 meeting.

12 MS. McCURDY: Well, that's all that staff has
13 unless there's, you know, any question
14 from the board, Commissioner, or
15 something that you need. That's all we
16 have in the miscellaneous section.

17 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: So now I guess we'll
18 move to the approval of the minutes from
19 the August 8th meeting. Well, we can't
20 take a motion on that either.

21 We'll approve all of those at the --
22 February ought to be a fun meeting.
23 Plenty to do.

1 So do we have any other business,
2 anything else for the board?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Our next meeting will
5 be in Montgomery in February, February
6 the 6th. February the 6th will be our
7 next meeting in Montgomery at the
8 Department of Ag and Industries where
9 we'll meet.

10 DR. SALOOM: Where?

11 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: At the Department of Ag
12 and Industries in the auditorium there.

13 DR. SALOOM: Yeah. Good.

14 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: Do we have any other
15 discussion?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN BLANKENSHIP: I think that we'll
18 adjourn the shortest meeting in the
19 history of Forever Wild. Thank y'all
20 for being here.

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22 (Meeting adjourned at approximately
23 10:57 a.m.)

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