

## RESOLUTION CONCERNING DOE OAK RIDGE RESERVATION

Whereas, the parcel of land containing approximately 37,000 acres owned by the U. S. Department of Energy and located in Roane and Anderson Counties of east Tennessee, is the largest publicly owned and relatively unfragmented tract of forested land in the Ridge and Valley Province of Tennessee...

And, whereas, this block of block of land, with the exception of approximately 7,000 acres dedicated to DOE facilities, is a large and nearly continuous island of forest within a landscape that is fragmented by urban development and agriculture.

And, whereas, breeding bird surveys of this parcel during 1995 and 1996 have established that 16 of the 20 species listed for the Southern Ridge and Valley Province by the Partners in Flight Program as "Birds of very high concern, vulnerable, and likely in need of management and/or monitoring" apparently use this area for breeding (Roedel, Miles, and Ford, 1996. Tennessee Partners in Flight Point Counts: Part I., Tennessee Conservation League, Nashville). These include the loggerhead shrike, eastern wood pewee, Acadian flycatcher, brown-headed nuthatch, wood thrush, yellow-throated vireo, blue-winged warbler, prairie warbler, cerulean warbler, prothonotary warbler, worm-eating warbler, Louisiana waterthrush, hooded warbler, summer tanager, field sparrow, and orchard oriole...

And, Whereas, eight of these 16 species require unfragmented mid- to late-successional forest habitat for successful breeding, including the cerulean warbler, wood thrush, worm-eating warbler, Louisiana waterthrush, hooded warbler, Acadian flycatcher, prothonotary warbler, and summer tanager...

And, Whereas, three species high on the list of "Birds of Concern" by Partners in Flight have been found to be abundant on the Oak Ridge Reservation and to use this parcel of land extensively during the breeding season, including the wood thrush, prairie warbler, and field sparrow; and two species have been found to be common, summer tanager and hooded warbler...

And, Whereas, many species considered by other sources to be "threatened or in need of management" have also been observed on the Oak Ridge reservation, including American bald eagle, peregrine falcon, osprey, Cooper's hawk, northern harrier, anhinga, little blue heron, great egret, snowy egret, olive-sided flycatcher, and grasshopper sparrow...

And, Whereas, this parcel of land contains several nesting platforms actively used by osprey, a great blue heron rookery, and unique tracts of land, such as the "Freels Bend," a several hundred acre area of grassland immediately adjacent to Melton Hill Reservoir on the Clinch River--as well as other unique riverine, early successional, and mature forest habitat...

The Tennessee Ornithological Society hereby exhorts the U. S. Department of Energy and the city of Oak Ridge to protect the DOE Oak Ridge Reservation land from further fragmentation, deforestation, and development, and to preserve as much as possible of this area in large contiguous tracts of forest.

Minutes of 1997 Spring Meeting  
Tennessee Ornithological Society Directors  
May 3, 1997

The Spring meeting of the Tennessee Ornithological Society (TOS) was held on 2-4 May 1997, at the Ramada Inn in Chattanooga, TN with 112 paid registrations. The Chattanooga chapter served as hosts. Field trips took place on the mornings of 3 May and 4 May to Audubon Acres/Chickamauga Dam (led by Ken Dubke), Amnicola Marsh (led by Carla Christiansen and David Vogt), Tennessee River Gorge (led by Tommie Rogers), Brainerd Levee (led by John Henderson), and Baylor School (led by Bill Haley).

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 PM, 3 May, by President James Brooks. Tony Koella, seconded by Jim Campbell, moved that the minutes of the Fall, 1995 meeting be approved as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

West Tennessee VP - No report.

Middle Tennessee VP - No report.

East Tennessee VP - Marcia Davis reported that Knoxville and Chattanooga Chapters of TOS are participating in the International Migratory Bird Day activities. She reported on the Knoxville Chapter's project, the Cornell University's Feeder Watch, at Bearden High School.

Directors at Large - No report.

Treasurer's Report - David Trently presented the Treasurer's Report:

Income from dues and subscriptions-	\$11,136.00
Income from interest-	13,549.08
Miscellaneous Income	676.00
Total income	<u>\$25,361.08</u>
Expenses - the «Warbler»	1,507.44
Expenses - miscellaneous	24,507.07
Total Expenses	<u>\$26,014.51</u>

Jo Ann Routledge moved, seconded by Tommie Rogers, to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

Curator's Report - No report.

Editor of the Migrant - Rick Knight read a letter from Wallace Coffey that reported that the three annual issues for 1994, 1995 and 1996 are at the printer's, and described the contents of these issues. Dev Joslin, new Editor, reported that the quarterly printing of the journal is being resumed. He briefly described the featured articles and content of the Spring, 1997 issue that should go to the printer in July. He asked members to submit and encourage others to submit articles for the journal.

Standing Committees

Richard Conners, of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of the 1997-1999 officers: President - Susan McWhirter; Vice-President, West Tennessee - Bob Ford; Vice President, Middle Tennessee - Morris Williams; Vice-president, East Tennessee - David Hassler; Secretary - Knox Martin, Treasurer - Dave Trently, Program Fund - Jeannie Payne, West Tennessee, and Bob Hatcher, Middle Tennessee; Editor, the Migrant - Dev Joslin.

Virginia Reynolds, seconded by Rick Knight, moved to accept the slate. The motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

Virginia Reynolds presented the by-laws changes proposed by the By-Laws Committee, explaining rationales. Virginia Reynolds moved, seconded by Carolyn Bullock, that Article IX - Amendments be changed to read "Any voting member may propose an amendment to the Constitution by notifying all officers, Directors, local chapter presidents and secretaries of the proposed change, in writing by first-class mail, thirty days before a meeting of the Board of Directors or by publication in the Society's newsletter thirty days prior to the Annual meeting." The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Campbell moved, seconded by Jo Ann Routledge, that a new section (Sec.3) be added to Article VI - Committees: "An Executive Committee composed of the President, (President-Elect), Treasurer, Secretary and the three Vice-Presidents shall handle routine or extraordinary business that need not or cannot come before the entire Board of Directors due to time constraints. All actions of the committee shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its next meeting." The motion passed unanimously.

Virginia Reynolds, seconded by Audrey Hoff, moved that a new section (Sec. 4) be added to Article VI - Committees: "No member shall serve as Chairman of more than one Standing Committee. The President shall make every effort to name a broad representation from the membership to all committees." The motion passed unanimously.

Virginia Reynolds moved, seconded by Barbara Priddy, to add the statement: The Tennessee Warbler shall be the official newsletter of the Society. There should be at least 2 issues published each calendar year.

A copy shall be sent to each member in good standing. An issue of The Tennessee Warbler shall be mailed at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting and shall contain a schedule of events, a proposed agenda for the meetings and proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. The editor of The Tennessee Warbler shall be appointed by the President. The motion was approved.

Dev Joslin presented a resolution concerning the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Reservation. Tony Koella moved, seconded by Rick Knight, to adopt the resolution. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Harriette L. Spiegel, Secretary

Note adoption of Resolution unanimously by Tenn. Ornith. Society Board of Directors