

Summary of the January 24, 2006 Meeting
as amended and approved February 28, 2006
Dare County Shoreline Management Commission

Members Present:

Warren Judge, Chairman
Richard Johnson
Michael Johnson
Neil Morrison
Paul Buske
Richard Reid
Don Smith

Members Absent:

Wayne Gray

Others Present:

Mark Martin
Bob Muller
Bobby Outten
Ray Midgett

The Commission was called to order at 5:30 PM in the Meeting Room of the Kill Devil Hills Town Hall.

The minutes of the October 25, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously on a motion by Richard Johnson, seconded by Mike Johnson.

The Commission then exchanged brief welcoming remarks and established membership on three sub-committees, as follows:

- A. Technical Advisory Committee: Mike Johnson, Chairman, with Paul Buske and Neil Morrison
- B. Citizen's Advisory Committee: Richard Johnson, Chairman with Don Smith and Ray Midgett
- C. Finance Committee: Wayne Gray, Chairman (TBD) with Bill Pitt and Bob Muller

There was further discussion regarding getting more citizens to serve on committees. It was agreed that each committee member would seek volunteers from their citizen volunteer lists. Richard Reid volunteered to serve on the technical advisory committee. Mark Martin volunteered to serve on the citizen's advisory committee.

In discussion of another matter, Richard Johnson reported on a conversation he had with Wayne Midgett concerning the Shoreline Management Commission recommending that funds available for beach nourishment be used to pay for the lobbyist currently under contract with the Towns of Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head.

Paul Buske and Wayne Gray will get some detailed cost figures for the Commission when it meets in February.

County Planning Director Ray Sturza updated the Commission on the status of the federal Northern Dare Beaches Protection Plan. Sturza reported that monies have been included in the latest supplemental appropriations bill for this project and it is thought at this time the funds will be used to assess recreational benefits of the beaches and the planned update of the economic data used to justify federal expenditures on the Plan.

The Chairman then opened the meeting for Public Comment and two individuals chose to address the Commission:

Mr. Mark Martin: discussed the cost of hurricane recovery after Hurricane Isabel and said he felt the cost of recovering from that event already exceeded the cost of building the beach and dunes as proposed by the federal plan. Martin emphasized the importance of the February 7, 2006 referendum and said there might not be a need for the Commission if the referendum passed.

Mr. Ray Midgett: told the Commission he wished to encourage more information be communicated, to inform the Commission that he felt the truth was not being told by the Commission or even among Commission members, and cautioned the Commission that much of the revenue that might be anticipated from the sales tax will not be as expected because rental cottages booked last year will not be subject to the new tax.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Tuesday, February 28, 2006.