

Summary of the April 25, 2006 Meeting  
Dare County Shoreline Management Commission

Members Present:

Warren Judge, Chairman  
Paul Buske  
Wayne Gray

Members Absent:

Richard Johnson  
Michael Johnson  
Neil Morrison  
Richard Reid  
Don Smith

Others Present:

Ray Midgett  
Bob Muller  
Seth Lawless  
Lee Wrenn

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

Chairman Warren Judge opened the meeting and asked shoreline manager Lee Wrenn to begin with a presentation about the Commission's website [www.DareShore.com](http://www.DareShore.com).

Wrenn projected the website on the overhead screens and went through the various pages with explanation of the content. While covering the content of the website, Wrenn reported on the recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Committee regarding the website.

The minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2006 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Member Paul Buske and seconded by Member Wayne Gray to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

**Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Judge gave a brief legislative update concerning the federal project. Congressman Walter Jones' office said that the Congressman had submitted a markup request in the amount of \$3 million dollars in the House budget. The Senate budget is running slightly behind the House. Both Senators Burr and Dole are planning markups but have not confirmed at this point for what amount.

**Subcommittees**

*Technical Advisory Committee* – No Report

*Citizens Advisory Committee* – Committee Chairman Richard Johnson who was not able to attend asked that the shoreline manager present the committee's report. Wrenn made mention of the minor changes to the website that were implemented after the committee meeting. In addition, the committee requested that the SMC approve the following information for posting on the website: (1) complete history of the 1% sales tax from its initial request to the legislature through its passage and subsequent repeal by referendum. (2) position papers from the members of SMC, its committee members, and from the members of the County Board of Commissioners. Chairman Judge thanked the

committee for their work. He said that this committee was envisioned as a way to involve a large cross-section of the public and he encouraged the committee to continue its work and seek additional participation from the public. (Committee applications are available at DareShore.com on the committee page.) Regarding the two requests, Chairman Judge said he felt uncomfortable making a recommendation to the BOC from a commission with eight members when only three are present to address the subject. Members Buske and Gray concurred and the matter was tabled until the next meeting.

***Finance Committee*** – Up to this point, the finance committee has only been scheduled to meet and report if there was a project either under consideration or in progress to report on. Chairman Judge requested that in the future a financial report be provide at each meeting.

### **Member Items**

***Member Wayne Gray*** – asked the SMC to support a request from Nags Head and Kill Devil Hills for a favorable recommendation to the Dare BOC to share in the cost of the lobbying contract with Marlowe and Company. Member Buske said that he and Gray were supposed to meet and put together a written request but had not had an opportunity to meet.

Member Gray asked, if Nags Head does an emergency project on their own, can they expect help from the County. Chairman Judge said, given that the previous request for position papers had been passed back to the SMC for a recommendation, he felt certain that the BOC would want a recommendation from the SMC on this request since it was comparatively a much more significant issue. He offered to approach BOC Chairman White and get an answer regarding whether it should go to the SMC first or go directly to the BOC. There was considerable discussion regarding whether the question was for support of funding or for defining the process. Bob Muller said his understanding was that the request is to define the process. Member Gray confirmed that his request was to define the process.

Member Gray gave a brief description of the Bald Head Island groin field project. He suggested that there be further investigation regarding its applicability in Dare County.

***Member Paul Buske*** – said he would work on the formal request letter to the SMC for funding of the lobbyist contract within the next two weeks.

### **Shoreline Manager Items**

Lee Wrenn gave a summary of his activities since the last meeting. Activities included: move to KDH satellite office, setup of office equipment and software, cataloguing of historical beach related studies from last 40 years, coordination with Corps of Engineers for public meeting regarding the federal project, presented highlights from the CRC meeting in KDH, attended Nags Head meetings re emergency project, gathered technical data which NH staff shared and met with former Mayor Bob Muller for review of alternative erosion measures.

Wrenn encouraged the members to utilize his services for coordination of committee meetings, follow-up phone calls to members or vendors. He also encouraged the

members to seek out additional members of the public to serve on the standing committees (applications are on the website).

**Public Comment**

*Ray Midgett* – questioned whether the funds from the 1% sales tax would go into the beach fund. Chairman Judge said that the funds, by statute, were designated for shoreline protection and it would take legislation for them to be used for any other purpose.

*Seth Lawless*, NH Mgr. – asked how number two in the stated priorities (Investigate construction of some portion of Corps project with federal, state, and local funds.) relates to the Nags Head emergency project. Chairman Judge responded that the priorities are action oriented and intended to take such measures as can be accomplished without depleting the funds needed for the federal project. While there needs to be discussion about distribution of money to individual projects, the Nags Head project is the type of project that was envisioned.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

The next scheduled meeting of the Commission is Tuesday, June 27, 2006 @ 5:30 PM.

Submitted by: Lee Wrenn, Shoreline Manager

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