

Summary of the November 28, 2006 Meeting  
Dare County Shoreline Management Commission

Members Present:

Warren Judge, Chairman  
Neil Morrison  
Richard Reid  
Don Smith

Members Absent:

Paul Buske  
Wayne Gray  
Michael Johnson  
Richard Johnson

Others Present:

Ray Midgett  
Bobby Outten, Atty  
Lee Wrenn  
Beth Wrenn

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

The minutes of the meeting of August 22, 2006 were presented for approval. Motion was made by Member Neil Morrison and seconded by Member Don Smith to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

The financial report was provided by David Clawson, Dare County Finance Director and included in the packet. The current fund balance is \$14,323,885.

*Agenda Item 4 – County Attorney’s reply regarding ability to alter tax distribution formulas locally as related to the Nags Head emergency beach project*

Chairman Warren Judge opened the discussion concerning the split of sales tax distribution in the county.

Attorney Bobby Outten was present to explain the process of changing the ratios for tax distribution. Changing of the ratios would require the passage of a local bill in the NC Legislature. The process would be initiated by presenting a request to Representative Tim Spears. Past experience has shown that local bills require unanimous approval by all interested entities, in this case, the municipalities in Dare County and the County of Dare, in order for the legislation to be passed.

*Agenda Item 6 – County initiated and managed program of sand fencing and dune plantings*

Chairman Warren Judge suggested that the SMC consider a county wide sand fencing and dune planting project, initiated by the county. This is an alternative to the application process for projects that had been previously discussed.

He suggested that the commission use state resources (i.e. Spencer Rogers, Sea Grant Coastal Engineer and David Nash, NC Cooperative Extension Agent) that are available to

help inventory the county and determine the probability of success with these methods. He suggested that only the interest from the sales tax be used to fund the project.

Shoreline Manager Lee Wrenn has spoken to Rogers and Nash about coming to Dare County in January to begin the evaluation process.

Member Neil Morrison mentioned that after Isabel the Town of Duck planted grasses on approximately 6 miles of beach and it is working.

Member Don Smith wanted to make sure all towns were included in the project.

Member Richard Reid suggested that all towns be made aware of the long range plan (2-4 years) so they will know when they will be included in the cycle of planting and/or fencing.

The commission members were in consensus that this was an excellent idea. Chairman Judge asked shoreline manager Lee Wrenn to manage and coordinate the project using the state agencies and possibly the county engineer. He asked Wrenn to get a preliminary plan to commission members by February 20, prior to the next meeting on February 27, 2006.

Chairman Judge will report this idea to the Dare BOC at the December meeting and will make plans to present a proposal to BOC in March.

#### ***Agenda Item 7 – Shoreline Manager’s Report***

Website related items:

- Taping of the DareShore website spot for Channel 20 is complete. Editing is being done and should be airing soon.
- A history of the sales tax issue compiled from the public record is now posted on the website.
- Dare County IT department completed their linking to the Dare Shore site.
- Minutes of SMC are posted on website
- Financial reports are posted on website
- Link to the Nags Head emergency project is provided on the website.
- Link to spreadsheet re impact of NH tax increase on County and municipalities is provided on the website.
- Additional content about the Northern Dare Beaches Project is posted on website.

Wrenn attended the NC Beaches, Inlets and Waterway Association conference in Carolina Beach on November 13 and 14. Wrenn highlighted a couple of the presentations including a long term study of the terminal groin at Oregon Inlet.

Suggestion was made that the frequency of meetings be changed to every 3 months. That would be four meetings per year instead of the current five meetings per year. There was a consensus to change the frequency of meetings. If needed additional meetings will be scheduled to address pressing matters. An additional meeting for the commission or a subcommittee may be required in March to address plans for sand fencing and grass plantings.

Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm as follows:

<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
February 27, 2007	February 26, 2008
May 22, 2007	May 27, 2008
August 28, 2007	August 26, 2008
November 27, 2007	November 25, 2008

**Members Items – None**

**Public Comment**

Ray Midgett expressed concern that the sub committees of the SMC have not met on a regular basis.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM.

**The next scheduled meeting of the Shoreline Management Commission is Tuesday, February 27, 2007 @ 5:30 PM at the Kill Devil Hills Town Hall.**

Submitted by: Lee Wrenn, Shoreline Manager

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_