

Summary of the February 27, 2007 Meeting
Dare County Shoreline Management Commission

Members Present:

Warren Judge, Chairman
Neil Morrison
Gary Perry for Richard Reid

Members Absent:

Paul Buske
Wayne Gray
Michael Johnson
Richard Johnson
Richard Reid
Don Smith

Others Present:

Mark Artz
Willo Kelly
Beth Wrenn
Lee 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.

Chairman Judge asked if there were any additions of corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting on November 28, 2006. There were none.

The financial report was provided by David Clawson, Dare County Finance Director and included in the member packet. The report included a year to date report of revenues and expenditures as well as an estimate of interest to be earned on funds collected from the 1% sales tax for shoreline protection.

Chairman Judge gave a brief history of the sand fencing and dune planting plan which was proposed at the November 28, 2006 meeting. The SMC approved the project concept to be funded by interest earned on the principal amount of funds collected by the shoreline protection sales tax. The SMC charged the shoreline manager with developing details of the project with input from coastal engineer Spencer Rogers with the SeaGrant program and David Nash of NC Cooperative Extension Agency.

Chairman Judge asked Lee Wrenn, Shoreline Manager to proceed with the information and proposal related to Agenda Item 4.

Agenda Item 4 – County initiated and managed program of sand fencing and dune plantings.

Spencer Rogers, Sea Grant Coastal Engineer came to Dare County on February 14, 2007 to meet with Wrenn to help evaluate the probability of success in particular areas for fencing and dune planting. Rogers offered general guidelines in most areas making reference to practices outlined in the Dune Book. Rogers suggested some specific ideas for using fencing and dune plants to protect the Coast Guard Station in Buxton. This included creating a new primary dune and repairing of the groins.

The plan would include dune plantings and/or sand fencing in areas in Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head and Hatteras Island. Input from the towns will help determine the areas that will be included in the project.

The proposed budget will provide for approximately 16,000 linear feet of planting and/or fencing. American beach grass and sea oats will be planted according to the appropriate planting seasons. Fencing would be done with planting to follow. The budget provides for surveying, sending letters of permission to property owners, consultation with a horticulturist, replanting and fertilization.

There was discussion concerning the use of in house staff and public works for planting the dune grasses. Gary Perry representing Kitty Hawk felt that the use of public works in Kitty Hawk would be well received by the public. This would also conserve on cost of contracting the work and could stretch dollars as well as the size of the project.

Wrenn proposed the following recommendations for the project:

- Segment the project into 7 equal (dollar amount) segments
5 northern municipalities 2 Hatteras Island
- Proceed with authorization from the Dare BOC for the project with \$185,000 budget, exact location of work to be determined.
 - Seek input from the municipalities regarding location of the project segments.
 - Seek expert opinion of coastal horticulturist (consultant) that works in the field day to day with dune plantings to develop site specific specifications for number of rows of plants, variety, etc.
- Complete specifications for the project.
- Secure letters of permission from the property owners.
- Bid sand fencing and install Summer 07
- Plant per recommended seasons.
 - Bid American Beach Grass and plant Fall 07
 - Bid Sea Oats and plant Spring-Summer 08

Chairman Judge asked Wrenn to contact absent members provide them with information presented at the meeting and get their vote regarding sending the project forward to the Dare Board of Commissioners.

Members Items – None

Public Comment – None

Willo Kelly representative from the Home Builders Association asked for clarification on some figures in the project budget. There were no other public comments.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Shoreline Management Commission is Tuesday, May 22, 2007 @ 5:30 PM at the Kill Devil Hills Town Hall.

Submitted by: Lee Wrenn, Shoreline Manager

Adopted: _____