

Summary of the March 20, 2007 Meeting  
Dare County Shoreline Management Commission

Members Present:

Warren Judge, Chairman  
Wayne Gray  
Michael Johnson  
Neil Morrison  
Gary Perry  
Don Smith

Members Absent:

Paul Buske  
Richard Johnson

Others Present:

Willo Kelly  
Willie Midgett  
Leigh Morrison  
Ray Sturza  
Beth Wrenn  
Lee Wrenn

The Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Warren Judge at 5:40 PM in the Meeting Room of the Kitty Hawk Town Hall.

A motion was made by Don Smith to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2006 and the February 20, 2006 meetings. Motion seconded by Wayne Gray. Motion carried.

Chairman Judge asked Lee Wrenn, Shoreline Manager to give a brief overview of the proposed plan for a county wide sand fencing and dune planting project.

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

Funding for the project will come only from the interest on monies collected on the 1% sales tax that was repealed.

Spencer Rogers, Sea Grant Coastal Engineer met with Wrenn to help evaluate the probability of success in particular areas for fencing and dune planting.

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.

Wrenn made 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 (consensus of members was for after Labor Day)
- Plant per recommended seasons.
  - Bid American Beach Grass and plant Fall 07
  - Bid Sea Oats and plant Spring-Summer 08
- There is the possibility of using in house staff and public works for planting the dune grasses and erecting fences.

Gary Perry invited Willie Midgett of the Kitty Hawk Public Works Department to attend the meeting. He indicated that Kitty Hawk Public Works would be able to handle the work in Kitty Hawk because of the timing of the proposed planting seasons.

Ray Sturza suggested that if towns have questions concerning possible sites for planting and fencing that Rogers would probably be willing to provide specific recommendations for those particular areas.

Sturza questioned if there was sufficient money budgeted for clean up and debris removal if fencing was washed out. Discussion followed and the general consensus was that it would be requested that each town take care of debris removal, if necessary.

Wayne Gray made a motion to send the recommendation for planting and sand fencing to the Dare County BOC at their next meeting on April 2, 2007. The motion was seconded by Gary Perry. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Members Items**

Wayne Gray commended Wrenn on the plan that was proposed. He reminded everyone that the beach nourishment referendum at Nags Head would be April 17, 2007. The result

of that vote will determine which direction the town will then take concerning the protection of their beaches.

Ray Sturza commented on his attendance at the Water Resouce Congress held in Washington, DC. The trend seems to be headed toward the state and federal government meshing their resources. There are plans to form a Beach & Inlet Management Plan for North Carolina.

**Public Comment – None**

Don Smith made motion to adjourn. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

**The next 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: \_\_\_\_\_