

Summary of the August 28, 2007 Meeting  
Dare County Shoreline Management Commission

Members Present:

Warren Judge, Chairman  
Paul Buske  
Wayne Gray  
Neil Morrison  
Gary Perry  
Don Smith

Members Absent:

Michael Johnson  
Richard Johnson

Others Present:

Mark Artz  
Lee Wrenn  
Beth Wrenn

The Commission meeting was called to order by Chairman Warren Judge at 5:35 PM in the Meeting Room of the Kill Devil Hills Town Hall.

A motion was made by Neil Morrison to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Don Smith. Motion carried.

*Agenda Item 3 – Sand fencing / Dune grass planting project status report*

Chairman Judge asked each member to update the group on the progress of their projects.

**Duck:** Member Morrison reported that he, Chris Layton and Sandy Cady rode the 6 miles of shoreline in Duck and selected 38 parcels that they believed would benefit from a combination of planting and fencing or just planting alone. This area covers approximately 2200 linear feet. They are optimistic about the project and hope to do the same next year.

**Southern Shores:** Member Smith reported that Mike Hejduk and former town manager, Webb Fuller located 50 parcels that would be involved in the project. They are in the process of obtaining the permission from the property owners and will be ready to go when that is completed.

**Kitty Hawk:** Member Perry reported that permission letters had been sent to 250 property owners. 205 responded yes, 5 responded no (land owned by the state), 40 have not responded to date. The public works department is monitoring the area and will do the fencing and planting. Home Depot can supply all the materials except the grass. They plan to order materials in September. The northern end of Kitty Hawk is problematic because of the beach pushes and high tides and will not receive fencing or plantings due to lack of stable beach.

**Kill Devil Hills:** Member Buske reported that they will install sand fence the first year and do plantings the second year of the three year cycle. They are notifying all property owners of the three year project. They will start on the northern end and will continue south as far as funds will allow. They have mailed 355 letters. The responses have been

as follows: 6 have responded no, 257 have responded yes, 90 have not respond to date, and 2 say they do not own the land. Paul asked for clarification on how many signatures are required if there are multiple owners. Per previous conversation with Bobby Outten, they are required to have only one signature since it is an informal document just asking for permission to enter property and place fencing and/or planting.

**Nags Head:** Member Gray reported that public works will do the work. The work will not begin until after hurricane season in November. They will erect the fencing on dry sand and may add more footage than project money will provide, at the town's expense.

**Rodanthe:** Wrenn conferred with Chairman Judge and Dare County commissioner Allen Burrus about the locations for fencing and planting. Forty-one permission letters have been sent to property owners. Approximately 50% have been returned with positive responses.

**Buxton:** Plans include putting approximately 880 ft of fencing at the Coast Guard station which will entail removal of some old fencing in the area.

The county will bid for the work in Duck and Southern Shores. The contract will be divided into four sections in order to allow smaller, local contractors to bid. Wrenn requested that someone in Duck and Southern Shores help oversee the work along with him. Purchasing, finance and legal will set the ground rules for awarding bids.

### **Shoreline Manager's Items**

Lee Wrenn, Shoreline Manager, informed the members that he had been designated to provide information for interrogatories and responses that are related to the county condemnation cases for the federal beach project. He has spent a considerable amount of time on constructing a timeline of the project and an accounting summary of monies spent.

He thanked the members and towns who have worked diligently on making the sand and fencing project move along on schedule.

Wrenn has moved his office to the administration building in Manteo. He notified members that Beth Wrenn had been volunteering quite a bit of time in assisting the shoreline manager. All of her work has been on a volunteer basis.

### **Chairman's Items**

Chairman Judge gave a brief update on how the county and DOT are trying to solve problems with outfall in order to help alleviate wash over on Hwy 12. They are looking at road design systems that would help keep the water from standing on the road.

The members were informed that the BOC have added some duties to the Shoreline Managers position. He will take over permits and grants for the county. This may include such things as federal funding for grants and permits for dredging and disposal.

Wrenn has also been appointed to the NPS Negotiated Rule Making committee. Judge serves for the county and Wrenn will be the alternate for Dare County. None of the additional duties should interfere with his current duties as Shoreline Manager.

Chairman Judge gave a brief update on the Bonner Bridge. On August 27, the NC DOT got consensus for the parallel bridge phased approach. The merger team process has come to a consensus and now permits must be obtained. The process used to gain consensus was supposed to be insurance against lawsuits but that remains to be seen. Environmental groups will be working against this approach.

### **Members Items**

Member Smith questioned why the county continues to hold the principal balance of the funds collected from the sales tax that was ultimately repealed. He thinks the money should be divided among the towns. In a previous meeting with Bobby Outten concerning this topic, it was determined that the sales tax can only be used for beach nourishment. The NC Legislature is the only body that can change the way the money is used.

### **Public Comment – None**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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

Submitted by: Lee Wrenn, Shoreline Manager

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