

Summary of the February 26, 2008 Meeting
Dare County Shoreline Management Commission

Members Present:

Warren Judge, Chairman
Paul Buske
Gary Perry
Don Smith

Members Absent:

Wayne Gray
Michael Johnson
Richard Johnson
Neil Morrison

Others Present:

Member of press
Lee Wrenn
Beth Wrenn

The Shoreline 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.

A motion was made by Paul Buske to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Don Smith. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 3 – Financial Report

A year-to-date budget report and cumulative fund balance report for the Beach Nourishment fund prepared by David Clawson, Dare County finance director was presented.

Agenda Item 4 – Shoreline Manager's Report

Lee Wrenn, Shoreline Manager, provided an update on the fencing and planting project.

Following coordination with Sandy Cady of Duck and Mike Hejduk of Southern Shores, the contractor began work on the installation of fencing beginning in Duck and continuing south to Southern Shores, Rodanthe and Buxton. The fencing is complete and the contractor has received his last payment for the project.

Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills and Nags Head chose to either use their public works departments or contract for installation of the fencing. Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills have finished and Nags Head is nearing completion.

Wrenn included pictures with his report to show that after just a few weeks that an impressive quantity of sand has already been trapped by the fencing.

Member Smith requested pictures to show his council.

Wrenn reported that the bid documents for planting have been prepared. Purchasing has approved an informal bid process in which three or four people with planting/nursery experience will be invited to bid. Planting will be completed by April 1. Planting will start in Duck and move south.

Wrenn reported that he was asked to prepare grant requests for two properties in Dare County that were identified for possible funding from the Waterfront Access Marine Industry Fund (WAMI). These funds will help communities protect and provide waterfront access. Wrenn has submitted grant applications to WAMI for Manns Harbor Marina and Avon Harbor. In addition, a Clean Water Management Trust Fund application for Manns Harbor Marina was prepared and submitted and he is in the process of submitting grants for both locations to the CAMA Access Program.

Member Perry questioned what part the members of the commission played in these shoreline projects. Even though the members represent municipalities interested in protecting the beaches, Chairman Judge assured the commission that these responsibilities were within the scope of Dare County shoreline management. The Dare County Shoreline Management Commission is established to: "Oversee and Advocate the Preservation of and Restoration of the Shorelines of Dare County."

Agenda Item 5 - Chairman's Items

Chairman Judge reported on some countywide issues.

- The county is in the process of acquiring Buxton Coast Guard Base and housing to provide public access and affordable housing.
- The Negotiated Rulemaking Committee is currently under the shadow of lawsuits from environmental groups.
- In April there is a NCBIWA meeting in Pine Knoll Shores. There is an effort being made by southern coastal towns in NC to work together on legislation to get permits that would allow for hardened structures, i.e. jetties along our coast and look at other tools that could collect sand and build beaches.
- Member Smith asked about the sandbag issue. Judge explained that as of May 1, 2008, any sandbags that remain must be covered and have stable vegetation. If that is not the case, property owners will be notified to remove them. CAMA will enforce the removal of the bags. Dare County has a significant portion of the sandbags along the NC coast.

Members Items – None

Public Comment – None

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Shoreline Management Commission is Tuesday, May 27, 2008 @ 5:30 PM at the Kill Devil Hills Town Hall.

Submitted by: Lee Wrenn, Shoreline Manager

Adopted: _____