

CHOWAN RIVER BASIN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Roanoke-Chowan Community College
Small Business Center
Ahoskie, NC

January 8, 1998
4:00-7:00 pm

AGENDA

4:00	Call to Order	Joe Stutts, Acting Chair
4:05	Self-introductons	All
4:15	Old Business	Joe Stutts
	* Adoption of By-laws	
	* Expansion/discussion priority concerns	
	* Nominaiton of Officers	
6:15	New Business	All
6:45	Public Comment	
7:00	Adjourn	

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Minutes

Attending:

Joan Giordano	Billy Griffin
Brewster Brown	G.D. Perry
Charles Vaughan	Roger Spivey
Lee Wynns	Guy Stefanski
Joe Stutts	Patricia Piland (visitor)

Acting Chairman, Joe Stutts, called the meeting to order at 4:00pm. He asked that self-introductions be made and then asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. A recommendation was made to include in the previous meeting's minutes, mention of the Council's intention to solicit Patricia Piland as a Gates Co. member, representing environmental science. The correction was duly noted and Roger Spivey moved the minutes be accepted into the record. Lee Wynns seconded and the motion carried.

Mr. Stutts introduced a copy of a letter from Cpt. Al Howard (At-large, Chowan Co.) urging the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to promptly approve NPDES permit renewals for four of Gates Co.'s schools. The systems utilized by the schools were said to be exemplary and deserving of renewal based on an inspection conducted by Cpt. Howard and others. Discussion ensued with the recommendation being made that additional information describing Cpt. Howard's qualifications for making such a determination be included in the letter. Mr. Stutts described Cpt. Howard's qualifications and agreed to amend the letter with the requested information included. Brewster Brown made a motion to accept and send the letter (with the requested amendment) and Charles Vaughan seconded. The motion carried. (See attachment).

Mr. Stutts then reported to the group that he was contacted by the Secretary of the Dept. Of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to serve as one of the three representatives (from the CRBRC) to the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study's (APES) Coordinating Council (CC). He also said that he had recommended Lee Wynns and Emmett Windbourne as the additional two representatives. (See attachment).

Attention then turned to the group's old business. The topic of by-laws was the first to be addressed. After a page-by-page discussion of the draft by-laws, a number of changes were recommended. Brewster Brown made the motion to accept the by-laws, as amended, and Charles Vaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next topic to be discussed was the expansion of the CRBRC's listing of priority concerns.

Following much discussion the recommendation that the needs of a Chowan River Keeper and the decentralization of state agencies be moved to the top of the list of hopes/concerns. Joan Giordano, DWQ staff, underscored the importance of the list of concerns as being indispensable to crafting the group's program of work.

The last topic under old business was the nomination of officers. The nominating committee was unable to meet since the last meeting, so a motion was made by Lee Wynns and seconded by Charles Vaughan to maintain the organizational/officer structure until the next meeting. The motion passed. **NOTE:** The nominating committee (with three of four members present) met prior to adjournment and the following slate for election of officers was submitted:

Chairman	Joe Stutts (Business/Industry - Hertford Co.)
Vice Chair	Brewster Brown (Conservation - Hertford Co.)
Secretary	Nan Laughton (S&WCD - Chowan Co.)

There were no nominations from the floor nor were any received at the Public Involvement Office in Washington, NC. **The election of officers will take place at the next meeting.**

Mr. Stutts then introduced John Carlock from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission (HRPDC) in Virginia. Mr. Carlock and his organization were most instrumental in representing the State of Virginia during the CCMP development phase of the APES. He presented the group with statewide and regional updates on Virginia's current involvement in water quality protection. Much of the Chowan River watershed is located in Virginia and the activities there contribute to conditions in the North Carolina portion of the river. He said that there has been a great deal of focus on the Chesapeake Bay for the last 3-4 years with the states of Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania, along with the District of Columbia and the EPA giving it their attention. He reported that the target is for a 40% reduction in nitrogen and phosphorous loading to the Bay and its tributaries, too. He added that there is a water quality model for the Potomac River which is being utilized in the commitment to reducing nutrient loadings to that water body, also. He added that the HRPDC has been focusing on a tributary strategy for the Bay as well as numerous other watershed management and educational programs.

Charles Vaughan (Local Government - Northampton Co.) reported that a concerned citizen contacted him to say that an intensive livestock operation (estimated 8-10 thousand head) was reported as having an open pit with dead carcasses floating in it; no certificate of operation; no irrigation equipment; and no visible means of drawing down its lagoon. He believed the operation to be a contractor for the Carroll Foods of Va.-Smithfield Co. Mr. Stutts asked that staff let the CRBRC know what should be done in cases such as the one described by Mr. Vaughan and what response the CRBRC should take. **NOTE:** Staff subsequently reported to Mr. Stutts that an enforcement is pending, from the DWQ, regarding the violations at the Cullifer Hog Farm near Woodland. Whenever citizens have concerns pertaining to apparent violation of regulations governing the environment, they should report those concerns/observations to the regional office under whose jurisdiction the location in question falls. The region within which the Cullifer farm is located is under the jurisdiction of the Raleigh Regional Office of DENR.

The following is taken from the Current Text of Senate Bill 1217:

“S 143-215/10E. Violations requiring immediate notification.

(a) Any employee of a State agency or unit of local government lawfully on the premises and engaged in activities relating to the animal operation who observes any of the following violations shall immediately notify the owner or operator of the animal operation and the Division:

(1) Any direct discharge of animal waste into the water of the State.

(2) Any deterioration or leak in a lagoon system that poses an immediate threat to the environment.

(3) Failure to maintain adequate storage capacity in a lagoon that poses an immediate threat to public health or the environment.

(4) Over spraying animal waste either in excess of the limits set out in the animal waste management plan or where runoff enters waters of the State.

(5) Any discharge that bypasses a lagoon system.

(b) Any employee of a federal agency lawfully on the premises and engaged in activities relating to the animal operation who observes any of the above violations is encouraged to immediately notify the Division.

Discussion then turned to the topic of CRBRC members who are not attending meetings. It was brought out that some of the membership may not have been re-elected to office and that the CRBRC should solicit the appointing agency, in most cases county governments, for replacement of these members. In the instance of Northampton Co., Mr. Vaughan indicated that he would have the issue placed on the County agenda. Mr. Stutts said he would poll the members who have not been attending CRBRC meetings, preparatory to asking for their replacement.

The next meeting will be a “covered dish” dinner meeting held at the river cottage of CRBRC member G.D. Perry beginning at 4:00pm on March 11th. Members are asked to bring a dish which will be enough to feed 10-12 persons. Hamburgers will be provided. Directions to the cottage will be sent prior to the meeting. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



Chowan Basin Regional Council

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January 13, 1998

Secretary Wayne McDevitt
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
P.O. Box 27587
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611-7687

Dear Secretary McDevitt:

In accordance with your request of December 19, and in consultation with other members of the Chowan River Basin Regional Council at our meeting on January 8, I have appointed to serve with me, two other members of the Coordinating Council.

They are:

Emmitt Winborne, Chowan County Commissioner
Rt. 1, Box 221
Edenton, NC 27932

Leo Wynns, Mayor, Town of Colerain
P. O. Box 6
Colerain, NC 27924

I am notifying Mr. Stefanski of this action by a copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

Joseph H. Stutts
Interim Chairman

cc: Mr Guy Stefanski, DWQ ←
Mr. Emmitt Winborne
Mr. Leo Wynns

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Ref. NPDES Renewals

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Dear Mr. Secretary:

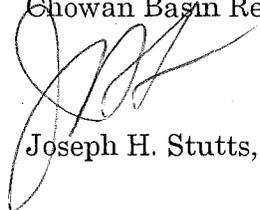
Gates County Schools has before the Environmental Management Commission applications for permits for their four septic systems. Captain Alfred Howard, USN, Ret., a member of this Council and qualified by education and experience, has examined this system and finds it no threat to the integrity of the Chowan. Captain Howard, an engineer, has been closely associated with water quality testing and monitoring for many years.

Based on Captain Howard's report, this Council commends Gates County Schools for the careful planning, construction and operation of their systems and recommends prompt approval for the permits.

Thank you for your attention to this. Respectfully submitted, we remain,

Sincerely,

Chowan Basin Regional Commission



Joseph H. Stutts, Interim Chairman

pc: Gates County Schools
Post Office Box 125
Gatesville, NC 27938

Preston Howard, Dir., DWQ, Raleigh
Ms. Joan Giordano, DENR, Washington





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February 4, 1998

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Mr. Joseph H. Stutts, Interim Chairman
Chowan River Basin Council
110 Spring Avenue
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Re: Chowan Council Membership
(POW:Chowan Council)

Dear Mr. Stutts:

Thank you for your letter of January 24, 1998 inviting the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to appoint a representative to the Chowan River Basin Council. We appreciate the invitation to participate, on behalf of the region's member local governments, with the Council, other Virginia representatives and the State of North Carolina in addressing water quality issues in a cooperative fashion.

As suggested in your complimentary invitation letter, I have requested John Carlock, HRPDC Director of Physical and Environmental Planning, to represent the HRPDC on the Council.

Please contact John at (757) 420-8300 concerning the Council's meeting schedule and any other logistical arrangements. Again, thank you for the opportunity to participate in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Arthur L. Collins
Executive Director/Secretary

JMC:kp

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CRATER PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Dennis K. Morris, Executive Director

February 2, 1998

Mr. Joseph H. Stutts
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To JOANNE JORDANO	From Joe Stutts		
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Dear Mr. Stutts:

I want to thank you for your invitation to participate with the Chowan River Basin Council concerning the administration of the Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan (CCMP).

At its January 29th meeting, the Crater Planning District Commission appointed Mr. Victor Liu to be the Commission's liaison to your Council.

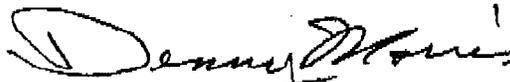
We certainly appreciate the opportunity to be part of this most important endeavor.

Mr. Liu can be contacted at the following address:

Mr. Victor Liu
Principal Planner
Crater Planning District Commission
Post Office Box 1808
Petersburg, Virginia 23805
Phone: (804) 861-1666 Fax: (804) 732-8972

Please let me know if the Crater Commission can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Dennis K. Morris
Executive Director

DKM/js

cc: Mr. Victor Liu
Mr. John Carlock

ADD: B-Laws

MEETING NOTICE

CHOWAN RIVER BASIN REGIONAL COUNCIL

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE OF OUR NEXT MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED (DESPITE WHAT THE MINUTES SAY) **FROM MARCH 11, 1998 TO MARCH 19, 1998.** THE SITE OF THE MEETING IS STILL THE SAME -- THE RIVER COTTAGE OF G.D. PERRY (DIRECTIONS ENCLOSED).

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A "COVERED DISH" DINNER MEETING! WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE.



DIRECTIONS
to
The G. D. Perry Cottage

From Rt. 17

Turn north at Midway on Rt. 45 toward Colerain. After traveling ten miles you will note a hard curve to the right. One mile beyond that on the right you will see a double wide home and just beyond that a green frame home with a large farm shop in the back yard. Turn right on the dirt road **between the green house and the double wide. The dirt road will be marked for the meeting. Follow this to a row of cottages on the left. Mr. Perry's cottage will be evident.**

From Ahoskie

Turn right at the stoplight in Colerain and go south on Rt. 45. Turn left on the dirt road at the green frame house approximately two miles south of Colerain.

From the North

From Winton go south on Rt. 45 through Cofield and Harrellsville to Colerain. Two miles south of Colerain, turn left on the dirt road at the green frame house.

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