

NEUSE RIVER BASIN REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

River Bend, NC
September 25, 1998

MINUTES

Members present: Bill Ritchie, Caroline Parker, John Costlow, Sondra Riggs, Joan Giordano and Guy Stefanski

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Ritchie at 10:15am. The Executive Committee decided that there should be another **full** Council meeting prior to the Albemarle-Pamlico Sounds National Estuary Program Forum scheduled for November 19 & 20, 1998 in New Bern. Staff was directed that the **next meeting should occur on October 22, 1998 at the Lenior Co. Cooperative Extension Service Bldg. in Kinston beginning at 9:30am.**

Discussion began with the proposed agenda for the Coordinating Council scheduled for October 16th in Raleigh. Staff outlined the agenda items and the role each of the Regional Council Chairs is expected to fulfill, and also mentioned the need for the Coordinating Council to decide upon appropriate criteria for issuing the Regional Council's "Request for Proposals" (RFP). The Coordinating Council is also responsible for developing the criteria for evaluation of proposals submitted for funding. Accomplishing these tasks is seen as indispensable to commencing the Regional Council demonstration projects.

The committee's attention then turned to the Program of Work which was generated by the Regional Council at their facilitated meetings held last May. Sources of non-point pollution were seen as the overarching concern of the Neuse Regional Council and discussion ensued centering around what types of demonstration projects could be implemented to combat this issue.

It was decided that invitations should be issued to various guests to attend the next full Council meeting (in Kinston 10/22/98) to gain insight into what types of projects their respective organizations are concerned with. (See enclosed agenda.) Staff interjected that benefits could be derived from "partnering" with others when developing proposals for demonstration projects because the amount of money (25K) being made available to each of the Regional Councils is not extraordinarily great. Pooling resources, time, money and expertise, was seen as a practical approach especially when the Regional Council membership plays a central role. Dr. Costlow suggested that Chairman Ritchie report this approach at the Coordinating Council meeting and that a "sequencing of events" culminating in this approach needs to be drafted. Chairman Ritchie agreed to developing it.

Chairman Ritchie reported that the Chamber of Commerce in New Bern was interested in Regional Council activity so he sent them a copy of the Neuse Regional Council Annual Report.

The next item for discussion was the draft resolution entitled "Non-point Runoff of Silt into NC Waters." The word "agriculture" in the second line of the first paragraph was substituted with the words "intensive livestock operations." Caroline Parker motioned, seconded by Bill Ritchie, to send the resolution to the full membership for discussion at the next meeting. Motion carried. (See enclosed resolution.) There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

