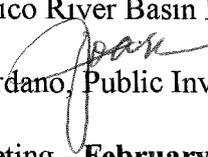


THE ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

Public Involvement Office

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tar-Pamlico River Basin Regional Council

FROM: Joan Giordano,  Public Involvement Coordinator

SUBJ: Next Meeting - **February 19, 2001**

DATE: January 12, 2001

Hi, and Happy New Year to all of you! I hope your Holiday Season was restful and joyous.

In addition to wanting to wish you a Happy New Year, I also want to let you know about the plans for our next meeting. We'll be gathering at River Park North on Mumford Rd. in Greenville, for a walking tour of that system. It'll be interesting to hear about Hurricane Floyd's inundation of that area, to see the remnants of his destruction and view first-hand efforts to return from the disaster. Following the walking tour, we'll travel to Jaycee Park (also in Greenville) for the business portion of our meeting because the facilities at River Park North have not yet been restored. It is only a short drive.

As indicated above, our meeting will be held on February 19th, beginning at 10:00am, with the walking tour. The business part of our gathering will follow at approximately 11:30am at Jaycee Park, and conclude at about 1:00 - 1:30pm. Those interested in remaining in Greenville for lunching together are encouraged to do so. There are lots of opportunities for dining. I'm enclosing maps to the meeting locations, as well as the minutes from our last meeting.

I hope you'll make every effort to attend on the 19th. I have been asked by the River Park North staff to request that you arrive in a timely manner. The Park is not usually open on Mondays and they are making an exception, especially for our group. If the Park appears open for any length of time while waiting for stragglers, the general public may perceive it as being open to them.

As always, thank you for your dedication to protecting the natural resources of eastern North Carolina and all you undertake in doing that. I look forward to seeing you and, please drive safely.

Tar-Pamlico River Basin Regional Council
River Park North and Jaycee Park Recreation Center
Greenville, North Carolina

February 19, 2001

Minutes

The day began with the council members gathering at River Park North in Greenville, a facility run by the Greenville Recreation and Parks Department. A presentation, including video footage, was made by park staff on the flooding caused by Hurricanes Dennis and Floyd. A short trail hike was taken after the presentation to observe first-hand some of the flood effects. The group then drove to the Jaycee Park Recreation Center to begin the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Paul Blount. The roll was called by Joan Giordano, and 8 council members, 2 staff and 1 visitor were present. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the November 3, 2000 meeting at PCS Phosphate, seconded and passed.

Guy Stefanski gave an update on our alternative septic system demonstration project. A homeowner in Pitt County has been identified, and all legal issues surrounding the project have been settled. Excavation of the old septic system and installation of the new peat mound system should occur in the next 1-2 months. Guy will do a short presentation on all of the river basin demonstration projects at a WRRI conference in Raleigh on March 29. As a preview, Guy gave a brief update on the other demonstration projects going on in the other basins.

Joan Giordano next spoke about a new group that has formed called the Association of National Estuary Programs. ANEP is a non-profit umbrella organization that plays a supporting role for the 28 National Estuary Programs throughout the U. S., and serves as a communications network between citizens and staff of the 28 NEP's. Joan discussed an upcoming e-auction fundraiser through ebay that will be used to raise money for each National Estuary Program. Donation forms were handed out so that if any of the council members had an item that they would like to donate, they could do so. Examples of auction items could be a fishing trip, a summer home weekend stay, concert tickets, a guided canoe or hunting trip, or a dinner for four at a fine restaurant. Donation items are due by April 15, 2001, are tax deductible, and the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program will receive a percentage of the auction proceeds.

Guy and Joan reported that they have submitted a proposal to the state's AG office for \$500,000 out of the \$2,000,000/year that Smithfield Foods is required to contribute to restore streams in the APNEP region.

Next, a listing of the TPRBRC priority environmental concerns and how they correlate to the APES Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) main goals, objectives and management actions was handed out. Also handed out was the summary of our adopted 2-year program of work. **Everyone needs to review these two handouts for the next meeting to decide if any changes should be made to the program of work, and where the Council should go from here.**

New Business - Mary Jane Jennings asked if we needed to do anything in regard to the Supreme Court ruling striking down the Corps authority to regulate isolated wetlands based on use by migratory birds. Guy will check with wetlands staff at DENR.

It was decided to have Guy and Joan be the nominating committee for election of new officers.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 27 at 10:00, at a place to be determined, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Attendance
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APNEP Staff

Bucky Robbins

Wilson

Guy Stefanski

APNEP

Macon Robertson

Warren Co (Guest)

Jeff Furgess

RIT Co.

LARRY S. ODOM

NASH County

MARY JANE JENNINGS

E chair (Franklin Co)

Steve Shearson

LOUISBURG NC

Allen Kimball

WARREN COUNTY

Joan Falls

Gronville County

Paul Blount

Rockey Mount - (Wash County)