

### APNEP Citizens Advisory Committee

NCDENR Regional Headquarters, 943 Washington Square Mall, Washington, NC 27889  
Fall Meeting Notes, December 17, 2010

**APNEP Staff Present:** Bill Crowell, Jimmy Johnson, Scott Gentry, Jim Hawhee, Chad Smith.

**CAC Members Present:** Marjorie Rayburn, Charlie Bass, Lisa Kirby, Tony Reeve, Sarah Phillips, Brian Roth, Kay Winn, Marty Wiggins, Harrel Johnson (by phone).

#### **Call to Order and Introductions: Kay Winn**

- Kay, CAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:35 PM and welcomed the APNEP staff and committee members; introductions followed.
- Kay asked members if there were any proposed changes to the meeting agenda as well as public comments. There were no changes to the agenda or members of the public present to offer comments.
- Kay asked for approval of the CAC June 2010 meeting notes. The notes were approved by consensus with no changes.

#### **Introduction from the Policy Board Chair: Tony Reeve**

- Tony has been active with the Policy Board since 2005. He added that he has been appointed as chair for the next two years.
- Tony mentioned that this has been a big year with APNEP with the development of the new CCMP; he also added that the CCMP should be updated every 5 years. He also mentioned APNEP's transition to EBM and the Integrative Ecosystem/Regional Assessment.
- Tony mentioned the production of the "State of the Sounds" report for the public.
- Tony also mentioned his vice-chair, Todd Miller, whom was elected at the last Policy Board meeting in September.
- Tony asked if there were any questions regarding the Policy Board. Marjorie commented that there wasn't much connection between the Policy Board and CAC. Tony and Bill commented about the past collective meetings (all APNEP committees). Bill added that APNEP is back at full staff (in 3 years) and noted that it has been difficult to plan and organize these types of meetings without full staff support.
- Kay asked about the reorganization of state government office and APNEP's office. Bill responded that we have moved around but APNEP is back in the Secretary's office, which is the best place for the program. He also added that APNEP is considered a Clean Water Act program.
- Kay also added that more adult-based education is needed since adults (over children) are most likely to benefit and take action on given causes.

#### **CCMP Update and Discussion: Bill Crowell and Marjorie Rayburn**

- Lori Brinn is managing the APNEP website through the end of the year.
- Bill introduced Jim stating that he began his position with APNEP on November 1, 2010 and that he is the primary contact for CAC and replacing Lori Brinn's previous position. He asked if Jim would provide members with background information about himself.

- Bill also introduced Scott who replaced Lucy Henry's position. He also asked Scott to provide members with background information as well.
- Bill mentioned that the CCMP has been a major part of APNEP this year. He provided a handout containing the most recent revisions and a framework for what the final draft will look like. He presented six different questions:
  - What is a healthy Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine System?
  - What is the status of Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine System?
  - What are the biggest threats to Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine System?
  - What actions should be taken that will move us from where we are today toward a healthier Albemarle-Pamlico Sounds by 2020?
  - What and where are the priorities?
  - How do we track implementation of the Plan?
- Bill added that APNEP is currently looking for partnerships.
- Kay added that she liked the way the CCMP was formatted stating that progress/completed tasks could easily be documented.
- The APNEP website was mentioned again stating that Lori was still working on the new design; Jim was also working on it.
- Scott provided a recap of the 2010 demonstration projects; he passed out a handout detailing the different projects. Scott and Jim added that this information along with pictures is available on the web and the APNEP newsletter.
- Scott mentioned the 2010 demonstration projects that fell through: Dinwiddie Junior High School project and the Black Family Land Trust. Dinwiddie Junior High School did not submit documentation necessary for the preparation of the contract. The Black Family Land Trust did not have enough leverage funds to complete the project therefore the awarded \$20,000 was returned to the 2011 demonstration project budget.
- Scott added that the NC Sea Grant project has been well received and received some media coverage. There will also be an article on this project in the Sea Grant magazine, *Coastwatch*.
- Jim mentioned that he hopes to build stronger collaborations with Virginia (along with APNEP's Todd Herbert).
- Tony mentioned that the next Policy Board meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2011 at the Greenville Centre, Greenville, NC.

### **2011 CAC Grant Selection: Kay Winn**

- Jim introduced the project format and ranking process.
- Projects "A" and "I" were brought up first since they were missing important pieces of the application. Project "A" was missing a construction component. Project "I" didn't meet the requirements of the RFP (construction on private land). Both projects were eliminated for consideration.
- Brian commented that the remaining projects would amount to \$100,000 making it close to our budget with some adjustments.
- Kay reminded members about geographic distribution; there was only one application for Virginia.
- Sarah asked about sending constructive feedback to rejected applicants. Bill mentioned that a notice is sent to the applicants. She also asked if there were any repeat applicants that continued to be rejected. Bill mentioned there were repeat applicants.

- Project “E” was eliminated on the basis that it may create environmental problems down the road.
- There was concern that the UNC Coastal Studies Institute had two applications that totaled half of the total project budget. Bill added that the committee should look at the educational component and project outcome as their primary concern.
- Project “H” was eliminated on the basis that it was ranked low in environmental benefit. This is also a repeat applicant who didn’t follow the recommendations from previous feedback from APNEP.
- Project “G” was eliminated on the basis that their urban landscaping component could be better defined. Marty added that he could probably provide this applicant with assistance on the project.
- Project “D” was approved for funding under the amendment that APNEP retains ownership of the observation buoys and public access to the collected data.
- Funded 2011 demonstration projects: B, C, D, and F.
- Remaining funds (around \$17,000) will be used for other program funds that will later be determined and discussed.

**New and Old Business: Kay Winn**

- A list of CAC vacancies will be emailed to members for nominations.
- The next CAC meeting is tentatively set for March 2011. It will heavily focus on the CCMP.
- Marty showed members a poster of the modified river basins for APNEP.

**The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.**