



# Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership

## Draft Policy Board Meeting Notes

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

May 20, 2014

Conference Call

**Policy Board members present:** Todd Miller, Dr. Wilson Laney, Dr. Kirk Havens, Joanne Benante, Brad Ives, Dr. Tom Allen

**APNEP Staff present:** Dr. Bill Crowell, Dr. Dean Carpenter, Jim Hawhee

**Guests present:** Rhonda Evans (EPA)

**Call to Order and Roll Call: Todd Miller, Chair**

Todd called the meeting to order at 3:01.

**STAC Report: Dr. Wilson Laney**

No STAC report was given.

**Staff Presentation of FY2014 Draft Work Plan: Dr. Bill Crowell**

Bill noted that the Policy Board members have had the work plan draft in their possession and asked if there were portions they would like him to discuss.

**Discussion of Draft FY2014 Work Plan (Action Item): Todd Miller**

Joanne briefly touched upon EPA's interest in developing numeric nutrient criteria and noted she did not see this initiative in the work plan despite APNEP's role in the draft North Carolina Nutrient Criteria Development Plan. She requested that staff include a sentence or two in the plan regarding nutrient criteria. Bill checked the plan and noted this initiative was not included, indicating that staff would make this addition.

Todd asked for a motion to approve the work plan. Wilson motioned to approve, Kirk seconded.

During discussion of the motion, Wilson asked for an understanding that staff will make technical corrections sent in by Policy Board.

Bill noted that there may be some minor changes to the indirect rate listed in the work plan.

Wilson noted that there are places in the work plan that reference APNEP documents or reports. He requested links to access the report and Bill indicated that staff can include these changes.

Todd asked for objections to the work plan, and none were made. Todd asked if there were members who would abstain from voting. No abstentions were recorded.

The work plan was unanimously adopted.

Bill read the conflict of interest statements, asked for statements of conflict.

Wilson noted no conflict that he was aware of but asked if provisions funding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were included in the work plan. Bill indicated that no such provision was in the work plan, and further stated that there are no organizations represented on the Policy Board that are receiving funding except the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Joanne clarified her role as an ex-officio EPA representative.

Todd made an affirmative statement that there are no conflicts of interest.

### **Public Comments:**

No public comments were offered.

### **Old and New Business:**

Wilson indicated that the Army Corps of Engineers is providing 42 acres of oyster reefs in our sanctuaries as mitigation for the Wanchese Seafood Park. Todd made an inquiry regarding this project, and Wilson asked if Todd had received a response from the Army Corps of Engineers. Todd has not yet received a response.

Wilson noted the oyster restoration activities APNEP is involved in.

Todd mentioned an oyster workgroup meeting in early June and will invite a representative from the Corps of Engineers.

Availability for potential meeting dates in mid-August was discussed by Policy Board members.

Bill indicated he would send out a confirmation by the end of the week.

### **Adjourn**

Todd adjourned the meeting at 3:14.