



Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program

Public Involvement Office

MEMORANDUM

To: Chowan River Basin Regional Council Members

FROM: Joan Giordano, Outreach Coordinator

SUBJ: Next Meeting - February 7, 2002

DATE: January 11, 2002

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I hope each of you has had a wonderful Holiday Season! Mine couldn't have been better because we had our new granddaughter in the house!

As indicated in the minutes of our last meeting mailed in December, we are scheduled to meet again on February 7th at the Gates County Cooperative Extension Service office. I'm enclosing directions, courtesy of our new Chair, Marjorie Rayburn. Also included is the meeting agenda.

Because I didn't hear from any of you with respect to changes in our 2-year Program of Work, I'm assuming it will be discussed at the meeting on the 7th. Please be sure to bring your copy with you.

Reported in the minutes, is mention of my drafting a letter to NCDENR Secretary, Bill Ross, urging modification of Executive Order #75 (which originally established the APNEP Regional Councils (RCs) and Coordinating Council (CC)). That modification entailed changing the membership composition of these groups. Please know that I did not draft and send the letter. Upon inquiring of my supervisor, the disposition of my original recommendation to DENR to do this, I was told that it had been put on hold, pending a more detailed look at the whole APNEP program. This isn't really a bad thing, because changing Executive Orders is best done all at one time.

I have also learned that the public meetings associated with the updating of the Chowan River Basinwide Water Quality Management Plan will now occur in March, rather than in February, as I originally reported. I'll keep you updated on these dates, as your input is sought.

I look forward to seeing you on February 7th and, as always, please travel safely!

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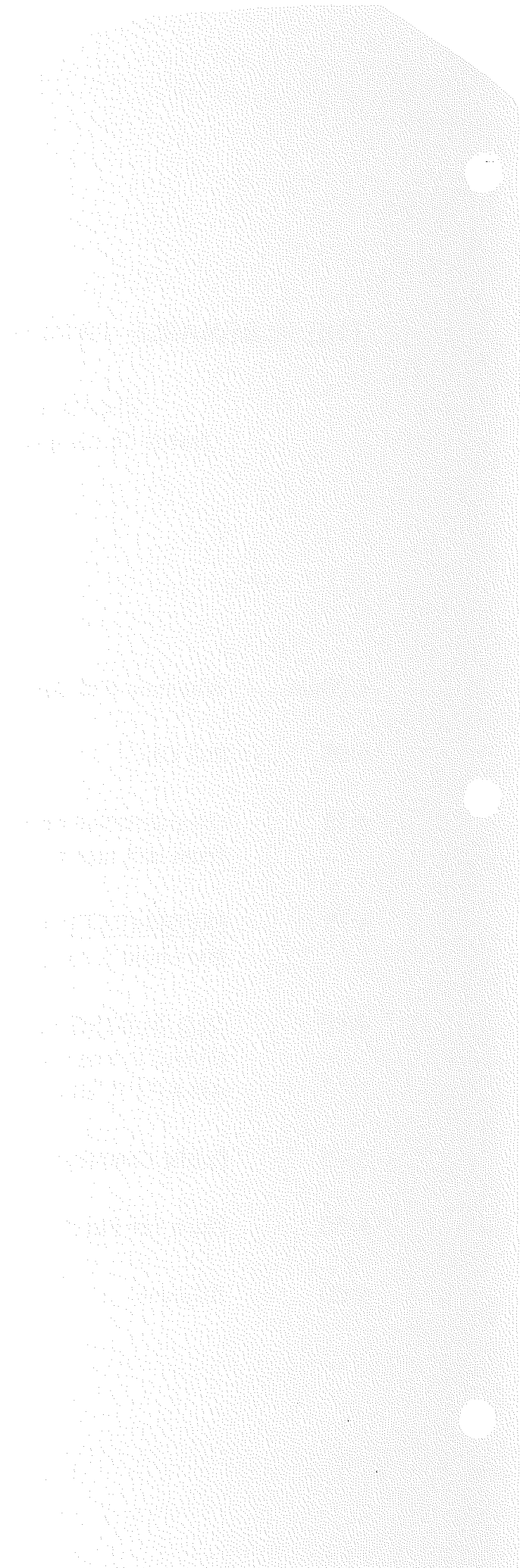


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Chowan River Basin Regional Council
Gates Co. Cooperative Extension Service Office
Gatesville, NC
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AGENDA

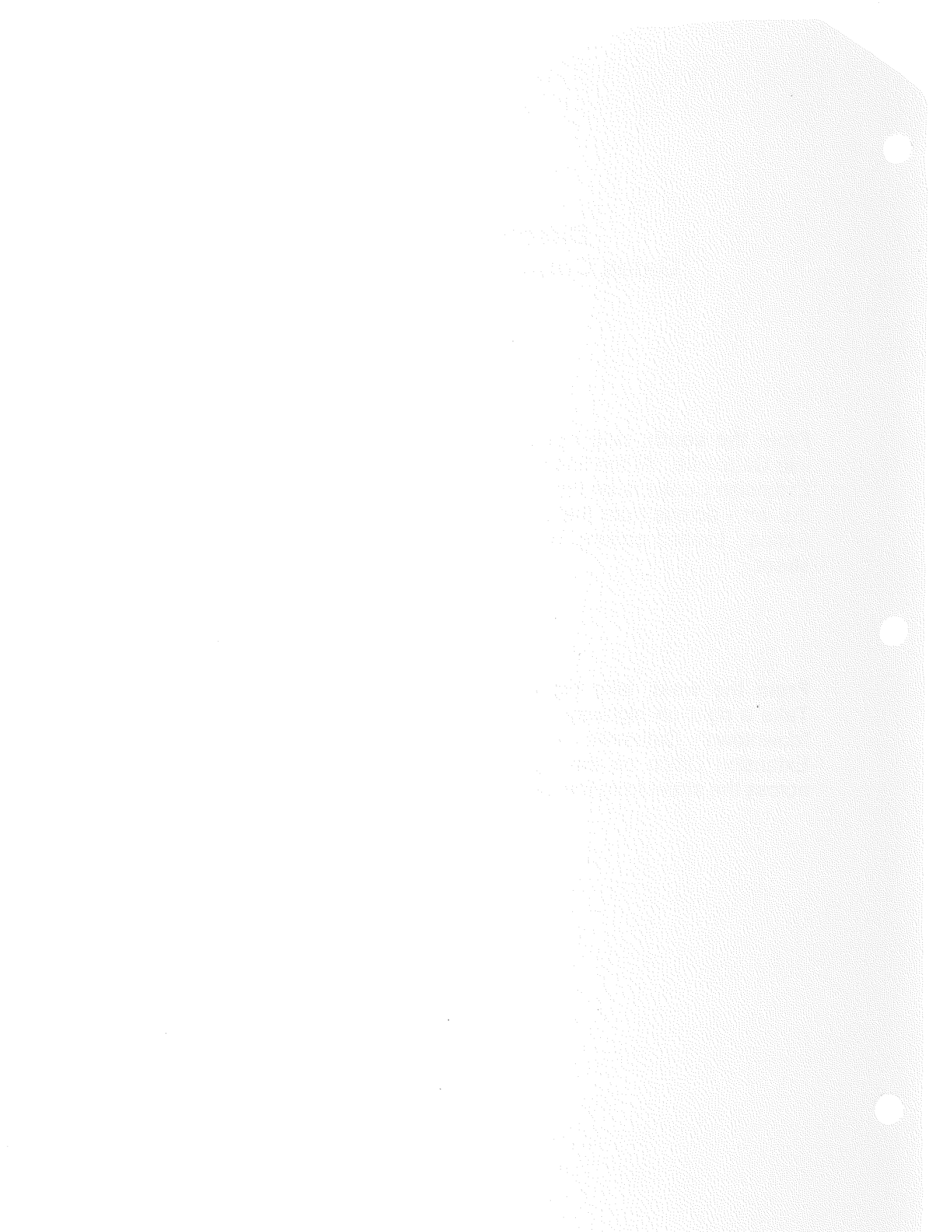
4:00pm	Welcome and Call to Order	Chairwoman Rayburn
4:05	Roll Call	Joan Giordano
4:10	Consideration of Minutes from last meeting (12-6-01)	Chairwoman Rayburn
4:15	<u>PRESENTATION</u> Merchant's Millpond	TBA
4:45	<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> CRBRC 2-Year Program of Work APNEP FY '01-'02 Workplan	All All
5:45	Public Comment	
5:50	Plans for Next Meeting	Chairwoman Rayburn
6:00	Adjourn	



Directions to the Gates County Extension Office

From the south, take highway 37 (32 from Edenton turns into 37) into Gatesville. At the flashing light, turn left onto highway 137. The Extension Center is on the left, just before you get to the 1st street on the left - across from the old courthouse - look for the Confederate Statue. Limited parking is available behind the building and on the street.

From the west, take highway 158/13 east/north to highway 137. Take a right on highway 137 to Gatesville. Just before you get to "downtown" Gatesville and the flashing light, you will see the Extension Office on the right (behind the Confederate Statue and across the street from the old courthouse.)





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TO: Chowan River Basin Regional Council Members

FROM: *Betty* Betty Sandow, Public Outreach Assistant

SUBJ: Minutes of February 7, 2002 Meeting

DATE: February 15, 2002

Hi folks,

Enclosed are the minutes from our last meeting held on February 7, 2002 at the Gates County Cooperative Extension Service Office. Thanks to Chairwoman Marjorie Rayburn for arranging our meeting place.

As indicated in the minutes, our next scheduled meeting will be held on April 4, 2002. Please make every effort to attend. A reminder notice and agenda for this meeting will be mailed as the meeting time draws closer.

Thank you for your continued commitment to protecting the beautiful and valuable natural resources of eastern North Carolina. We look forward to seeing you again on April 4.



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MINUTES

Chairperson Marjorie Rayburn called the meeting to order and gave an overview of Gates County. Points highlighted were population, natural resources and Merchants Mill Pond.

Gary Purvis moved to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2001 meeting. Roger Spivey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Chowan Basinwide WQ Management Plan schedule reported at the last CRBRC meeting has been changed. The public meetings, which are held preparatory to drafting the Plan update, originally reported as planned for late February are being postponed pending the arrival of the newly hired basin planner. Joan agreed to keep the group apprised of the new schedule when it becomes available.

Park Ranger Jane Wyche of Merchants Mill Pond was the guest speaker. She presented a slide program detailing the Park's many attributes. The Park's personnel consist of eight full time and one temporary employee. The pond covers 760 of the Park's total acreage of 3,200 acres. Group and family campsites are available and the pond is open to fishing, canoeing, and boating. Jane completed her program by distributing brochures and handouts.

Noah Hill VADCR, presented a framed, signed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between NC & VA, to Joan. VADCR Director Brickley, VA Secretary Hamm and NCDENR Secretary Ross, signed the MOA on October 26, 2001, during a signing ceremony held at the Dismal Swamp Canal Welcome Center. The signed document, along with a picture and the pen actually used for signing, completed the presentation. The MOA, which pledges cooperation and coordination between the two states, is considered important because most of the Chowan watershed is in Virginia.

Joan gave an update of the Subsoiler/Denitrification Barrier Demonstration Project. She reported that monitoring wells have been installed in Ahoskie, Winton, and Aulander. David Hodges, from the Mid-East Conservation and Development Council, the project's principal investigator, is interested in extending the project for another year. He feels additional time will allow for more data gathering and analysis. A "no-cost" contract extension will be possible because of savings realized when neither the subsoiler nor the tractor to haul it, (originally thought to be needed) were purchased.

The members present discussed and agreed that the CRBRC 2-Year Program of Work (POW) was being fulfilled and, while course correction was not needed, there were some recommendations made. Joan led the discussion which centered around the sections dealing with: Citizens Monitoring Initiative; Nonpoint Source Pollution from Non-Agricultural Chemical Application; and Policy Issues. The recommendations included:

- * Urging Allen Clark, CWQMP Coordinator at ECU, to engage more citizens in the volunteer water quality monitoring program, particularly at the Chowan College. Tracking and analyzing water quality data collected was also seen as an important item.

- * Educate units of local government (city and county), garden, yard, and neighborhood clubs and Cooperative Extension Agencies with respect to sharing information and environmental planning issues

- * Learn more about the Department of Transportation's practice of spraying herbicides along roads and highways (perhaps a speaker from DOT at a future meeting).

During discussion of the POW section dealing with Policy Issues (establishing a wetlands mitigation bank) Chad Pryor reported that any wetlands disturbed during construction of the Nucor plant were mitigated by donating 150 acres of other wetlands to the State of NC.

Following discussion, plans for the next meeting date and location were made. Chairwoman Rayburn agreed to phone Brewster Brown at the Roanoke-Chowan Community College in order to make the necessary arrangements for reserving a space for April 4th, beginning at 4:00pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Feb 7, 2001.

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