# ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

**Public Involvement Office** 

## THE PASQUOTANK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Municipal Building 103 Main Street Columbia, North Carolina (252) 796-2781

## February 15, 2001

## **AGENDA**

4:00pm	Welcome and Call to Order	Chairman Haste, Jr.
4:05	Roll Call and Guest Introductions	Joan Giordano, APNEP
4:10	Approval of Minutes (11-15-00)	Erie Haste, Jr.
4:15	Update on Demonstration Project: Town of Winfall Constructed Wetlands Project	Rodney Johnson, Albemarle RC&D
4:25	Update on Currituck Sound Study Discussion	Yates Barber
4:45	Update on Pasquotank Basinwide Plan Discussion	Kate Moore, DWQ
5:10	Update on Virginia's Activities and MOA Discussion	Noah Hill, Va. DCR
5:25	NEW BUSINESS ANEP E-auction	Joan Giordano
5:45	Public Comment	All
5:50	Plans for Next Meeting	All
6:00	Adjourn	

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#### MINUTES

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The first order of business concerned the demonstration project being undertaken collectively by the Albemarle RC&D, the Town of Winfall, and the Pasquotank Regional Council of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program (APENP). Rodney Johnson, (Albemarle RC&D), made a presentation on the progress to date of the constructed wetland project. He said that prisoners had cleared the underbrush and that he expected state personnel to view the site one more time before work was begun in earnest. He further reported that nitrogen and phosphorous were leaching onto the site from a fertilizer plant located across the street. Discussion ensued concerning the types of plants to be planted, the timeframe for completion, monitoring plans for data collection and a final report to the APNEP.

The next order of business was discussion of the proposed Currituck Sound Study with Mr. Barber stating that he hoped the \$100K scoping study would turn into a full-fledged model study. Apparently there is little information/data available pertaining to this area, and information on currents, tides, salinity, canal #2, the North River, etc. would benefit the region greatly. He added that the COE would be sending a letter of invitation shortly and, following that, a meeting to develop a scoping study would be held. It was shared during discussion that the Back Bay Restoration Foundation now has very sophisticated water quality equipment, and that a study of the Lindhaven River would be available at the next meeting.

Kate Moore reported on the Pasquotank basinwide water quality management plan. She outlined the two workshops in the Pasquotank basin where they would be held during the month of March. She asked if the PRBRC would consent to being a co-sponsor of the workshops. Following brief discussion of what sponsorship would entail, the group agreed through motion by Lloyd Griffin seconded by Cheryl Byrd. Motion passed.

Noah Hill, liaison between the Commonwealth of Virginia and the APNEP, reported on the Adopt-A-Stream program, the Riverkeeper efforts in the Blackwater and Nottaway Rivers, and the much-anticipated MOA between the states. Following discussion about the MOA, it was decided that the location of the MOA signing ceremony should be the Great Dismal Swamp Visitors' Center. Joan agreed to contact Penny Leary to schedule the event.

Plans for the next meeting include discussion of the Smithfield Foods Agreement between Smithfield Foods and the NC Attorney General's Office. The date of the next meeting was set for April 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00pm, at the Columbia Town Offices.

There being not further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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