Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program

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MEMORANDUM

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Joan Giordano Outreach Coordinator TO: Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council Members
FROM: Joan Giordano, Outreach Coordinator
SUBJ: Minutes and Next Meeting Notice (2-28-02)
DATE: February 13, 2002

Hi Folks:

Enclosed are the minutes from our last meeting held in Columbia on November 15, 2001. Because we did not have a quorum present on that date, I am proposing that we follow the agenda that was prepared for that meeting, with the addition of updates by Noah Hill, VADCR, and Yates Barber, relative to the USCOE Currituck Study. I've made those changes to the enclosed agenda.

As you can see, we have a number of things to which we must attend. Please make every effort to be present and, as always, thank you for your continued support and dedication to protecting the natural resources of eastern NC. I look forward to seeing you on the 28th!

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PASQUOTANK RIVER BASIN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Columbia Town Hall Main Street Columbia, NC February 28, 2002

AGENDA

4:00pm	Welcome and Self-Introductions	Chairman Haste
4:10	Approval of Minutes (9/13/01)	Chairman Haste
4:15	OLD BUSINESS Nomination of Officers	Yates Barber
4:30	<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> Discussion: "Collective" Demonstration Project	All
5:00	<u>UPDATES</u> VADCR Activities USCOE Currituck Sound Study	Noah Hill Yates Barber
5:30	Public and Other Comment	All
5:45	Plans for Next Meeting	Chairman Haste
6:00	Adjourn	

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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Erie Haste, Jr. Having declared a quorum present, he asked for approval of the minutes from both the September 13th and November 15th 2001 meetings. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Carlyle Harrell and seconded by Yates Barber. Motion carried.

Mr. Barber recommended inviting Lyn Henry (NC Div. of Marine Fisheries-DMF) to become a member of the Pasquotank RC. Joan Giordano suggested to Mr. Barber that Lyn should be invited to our next meeting since he is now stationed at the Elizabeth City location of the DMF. Mr. Barber said he would extend the invitation.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Barber, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave Committee's slate of nominees for the offices of Chair, Vice-Chair and Acting Secretary. They are, respectively, Erie Haste, Yates Barber, and Joan Giordano. There being no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed. By motion of Carlyle Harrell and seconded by Nelson Smith, the slate was accepted by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

Joan Giordano opened the discussion pertaining to an APNEP joint, or collective; demonstration project. She explained that unlike past years, when each RC developed individual demo project(s), there existed sufficient money in the program budget (approx. 40K) to fund only one project. She urged the membership to begin thinking about a project that could be applicable to all APNEP basins (Chown, Pasquotank, Neuse, Tar-Pamlico and Roanoke) and would have transferable technology with respect to improving impaired streams appearing on the 303(d) list. She mentioned that the Roanoke RC had already engaged in this process, and pending recommended ideas from the other 3 RCs, a decision would be made by the Coordinating Council as to which project would be endorsed. **NOTE**: When all RC demo project ideas are made, Joan will array/describe them in a letter to all 5 RCs for consideration. To the extent that the RCs can agree on 1 or 2 recommended projects, will depend on the costs associated with each of them. The RC choices will then be communicated to the Coordinating Council for final approval.

Nelson Smith recommended partnering with the Albemarle RC&D on a very large project being considered for the Great Dismal Swamp. Noah Hill asked what the other RCs were considering. Joan Giordano reported that the Roanoke RC liked a project patterned after the *Florida Yards and Neighborhoods* program. They also were interested in a project dealing with strip-till vs. no-till vs. conventional tillage especially in light of the use of chemicals such as Roundup Ultra and its impact on erosion at the ends of fields.

It was recommended that Dwane Hinson, District Conservationist for the NRCS, be invited to the next meeting to speak about the Dismal Swamp project. It was additionally recommended that Lloyd Culp, Mgr. of the Dismal Swamp Wildlife Refuge, also be invited.

Chairman Haste then called upon Noah Hill, VA Department of Conservation and Recreation (VADCR), to update the group on activities occurring in Virginia. Noah reported that the VADCR has a new Secretary, Taylor Murphy, and that Ernie Brown has been promoted to Assistant Director for VA's Department of Conservation and Recreation in charge of Southern Rivers. Mr. Brown will continue in his previous capacity for the time being, spending 2 days per week in Suffolk, and 3 days in Richmond.

Noah continued saying his own position has been taken into the VA Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and in turn will be contracted to the VA DCR. This arrangement will allow Noah to work full-time at his position. Lastly, Noah reported on the SWAMP (Southern Water Area Management Program).

Within the Public Comment portion of the agenda Mr. Barber mentioned the meeting to be held at the College of the Albemarle on April 4th that will kick-off the Corps of Engineer's Currituck Sound Study (CSS). He was happy to report that the Corps received the CSS money (with some help from the APNEP Pasquotank Regional Council!) and that the state had the required match money available. He agreed to report on the progress made at that meeting at the next meeting of the PRBRC.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Minutes of 2/28/02 Meeting and Next Meeting Notice 4/25/02

April 5, 2002

Hi folks,

TO:

FROM:

SUBJ:

DATE:

Enclosed are the minutes from our last meeting held on February 28, 2002 in Columbia, NC. As indicated in the minutes, our next regularly scheduled meeting will be occurring on Thursday, April 25, 2002 at the Columbia Town Offices convening at 4:00PM. The agenda for this meeting is also enclosed.

I look forward to seeing you on April 25 and, as always, thank you for your commitment and dedication to protecting the natural resources in eastern North Carolina. Please drive safely.

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