

**PASQUOTANK REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**Vernon James Center  
Plymouth, NC**

**July 6, 2000  
3:00pm**

**AGENDA**

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|------|---|--------------------------|
| 3:00 | Welcome & Call to Order   | Chairman Haste           |
| 3:05 | Role Call   | Joan Giordano            |
| 3:10 | Old Business:<br>Demo Project Status<br>Currituck Sound Study<br>Resolution/Letter Campaign | Chairman Haste           |
| 3:30 | On-site septic system Management  | Dr. David Lindbo<br>NCSU |
| 4:30 | TOUR (at the James Center)<br>Alternative Septic Systems                                    | All                      |
| 5:30 | Adjourn   |                          |



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## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Yates Barber at 3:15pm. Mr. Barber presided until Chairman Erie Haste arrived.

Mr. Barber welcomed those present and asked Joan Giordano to call the roll. She did and determined that the quorum requirement had been satisfied. (See Attachment A).

The first order of business centered around an update on the PRBRC demonstration project. Guy Stefanski read from a memo submitted by Rodney Johnson (Albemarle RC&D) outlining the project's status. (See Attachment B).

Vice Chairman Barber then reported on a recent meeting he had with Coleman Long (USCOE) while visiting Wilmington. The meeting pertained to the Currituck study and the likelihood of the \$100,000 set aside for the project by the Congress, remaining in the President's budget. Mr. Long indicated that the money was still there and that the COE looked forward to commencing the project during the next fiscal year.

In a report on the resolution/letter campaign urging the NC Congressional delegation, local governments and key NC House and Senate members to support the Currituck study, Joan Giordano reported that the letters and supporting materials were ready to be mailed, pending Chairman Haste's approval. (See Attachment C).

Following the Old Business portion of the agenda, Dr. David Lindbo, NCSU researcher and Cooperative Extension faculty, gave a presentation on septic tanks technology and appropriate usage. Questions and answers followed, as did a field study of alternative septic technologies and applications. Dr. Lindbo demonstrated each of the alternative technologies through actual working models situated behind the Vernon James Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

**The next meeting date is September 20th, beginning at 4:00pm, at the Columbia Municipal Bldg. in Tyrrell County, 103 Main Street.**



attendance

PRARC

7/6/00

NAME

Affiliation

Jean Giordano

APNEP

Guy Stefanski

APNEP

Cheryl Byrd

Dare County

Carlisle Havell

Columbia

Carl Parnot

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Annette Gibbs

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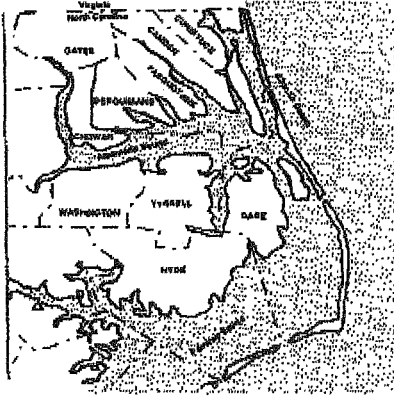
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ALBEMARLE REGION



Making Things Happen

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell & Washington Counties  
412 West Queen St, Edenton, North Carolina 27932 252-482-7437  
North Carolina

July 6, 2000

To: Pasquotank River Basin Advisory Council

From: Rodney Johnson, Albemarle RC&D

I'm sorry I could not make your meeting today. I had planned to be there for this update, but I am having stomach problems. Here is my status report for the Winfall Demo Project:

I am at the mercy of Bucky Moore of Wooten Company with the design of the holding pit which will flow into our constructed wetland system. He told me two weeks ago that he will have it done in July. He has agreed to stamp our designs for the wetlands and incorporate our suggestions into the holding pit design.

I have responded to Winfall Attorney Hackney High's letter asking for minimum and maximum acres as requested by Sidney Jessup, landowner. I have them 0.6 acre minimum and 1.0 acre maximum. I hope she will let us know soon if she will donate that amount for the project.

I apologize that the project is dragging. Having to wait in line for the engineer and trying to satisfy the landowner are both putting us months behind.

Call me if you have any questions.





*Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program*

Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council

July 10, 2000

Dear County Manager:

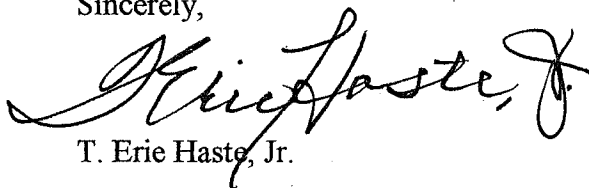
The enclosed were mailed to our NC Congressional delegation in Washington, DC, Senate and House representatives at the NC General Assembly, and other implementers key to the process of executing and acting on resolutions.

As you can see, the first enclosure is a letter dated November 9, 1999, and refers to the resolution presented on the reverse side. The resolution pertains to supporting the US Army Corps of Engineers efforts in conducting a general investigative study of the Currituck Sound. The second enclosure is a reminder of the importance of this study, and how the support of Congress is essential to the future well-being of Currituck Sound. Although this letter primarily addresses federal and state representatives, it is equally important for local governments in the Pasquotank River basin to become aware of, and involved in, supporting this study.

Because of this reason, I urge each of you to distribute copies of the enclosed to your county commissioners. Garnering their support by asking them to communicate with our Congressional delegation will help keep the issue before the Congress and will go a long way in keeping the \$100,000 necessary for the study, in the President's budget.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. I can be reached by phone at (252) 426-5211 or by mail at Box 127, Hertford, NC 27944. Working together, we can make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "T. Erie Haste, Jr.", written in black ink.

T. Erie Haste, Jr.

Enclosures



# *Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program*

## Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council

July 10, 2000

The Honorable Jesse Helms  
403 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-3301

Dear Senator Helms:

The enclosed letter and resolution entitled, "Resolution Supporting a General Investigative Study of Currituck Sound by the US Army Corps of Engineers," was sent to you in November 1999.

Since that time, the Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council (part of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program – APNEP) has learned that the attention given the enclosed, resulted in \$100,000 being included in President Clinton's budget. We are most appreciative of this consideration and action.

In order to ensure that this amount remains in the President's budget, we are asking that you keep the issue before the Congress and that you renew your efforts at underscoring the importance of the "Study" among your colleagues and constituents.

The Currituck Sound and its surrounding rivers, wetlands, and habitats are of national, as well as regional, significance. This is borne out by the tens of thousands of citizens nationwide who visit North Carolina's Outer Banks each year to vacation and enjoy the area's natural beauty. Engaging in a comprehensive study of the Sound will aid in attaining the overall goal of more completely understanding this beautiful water body; its dynamics and functions; and will undoubtedly help to ensure its allure, productivity, and influx of dollars to the local economy.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please contact me by phone at (252) 426-5211 or by mail at Box 127, Hertford, NC 27944. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

T. Erie Haste, Jr.

cc: Robin Smith, NCDENR  
Enclosures

Sample



**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE STUDY OF CURRITUCK  
SOUND BY THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

WHEREAS, the Currituck Sound is a vital natural resource for the people of North Carolina and in the past has supported a thriving freshwater fishery and provided nursery grounds for many recreational and commercial fish species; and

WHEREAS, the Currituck Sound is a major flyway for migrating water fowl; and

WHEREAS, fluctuating salinity levels have caused a marked decline in the fisheries that are most important to the local and state economy; and

WHEREAS, a number of potential causes of the salinity changes have been identified; and

WHEREAS, to restore the Currituck Sound to its former state of productivity the development of effective management strategies need to be implemented and the first step to accomplishing this is to better understand the hydrodynamic and ecological functions of the Sound through study; and

WHEREAS, the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) supports a House resolution authorizing the US Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) to do a General Investigative Study of Currituck Sound, beginning in fiscal year 1999 (Attachment A with background paper);

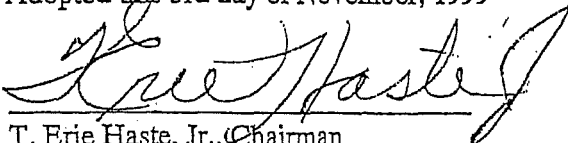
WHEREAS, the County of Currituck adopted a resolution on October 20, 1997 supporting NCDENR's request for Congress to authorize the ACOE to begin a General Investigative Study of Currituck Sound (Attachment B);

WHEREAS, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the US House of Representatives adopted a resolution on March 11, 1998 requesting that the Secretary of Army begin this process (Attachment C).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council, a basinwide board of local government officials and interested citizens, whose establishment is mandated through Executive Order of James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor of NC, and whose charge and responsibility is to advise the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources and others on environmental protection, do hereby endorse the US Army Corps of Engineers and the State of North Carolina to engage in a comprehensive study of the Currituck Sound for the purpose of providing the most efficient assessment of Sound conditions.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that such information as is gained from this effort will result in production of a model designed specifically for the restoration and benefit of the Currituck Sound.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 1999



T. Erie Haste, Jr., Chairman  
Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council

November 9, 1999

The Honorable John Edwards  
825 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Edwards:

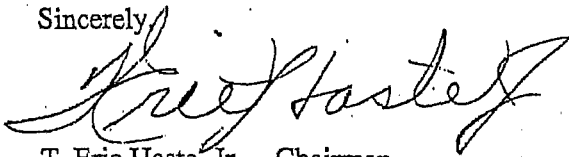
As Chairman of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program's (APNEP) Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council (PRBRC), I am enclosing a resolution prepared by our Council entitled "Resolution Supporting A General Investigative Study of Currituck Sound by the US Army Corps of Engineers." Also enclosed are state and federal supporting documents and background papers, which clearly demonstrate the need for such a study.

The APNEP was begun as the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study (APES) spearheaded by Congressman Walter B. Jones, Sr. in 1986 and was designated as the first of 28 National Estuary Programs around the nation. The purpose of the APNEP Regional Councils (there are 5 in northeastern North Carolina) is to advise and consult with local, state and federal agencies responsible for environmental management on concerns/issues relevant to that basin. They also participate in the implementation of environmental management strategies outlined in the APES Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) endorsed by EPA Administrator Carol Browner and Governor Hunt in 1994.

The PRBRC is composed of local government officials and interest-group delegates representing each of the 10 counties in the Pasquotank River basin. There has been strong support among PRBRC members, citizenry of the basin, and through collection of state and federal data, for the implementation of this study. For these reasons, I am requesting your assistance in bringing this project to completion.

Should you have questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (252) 426-5211. Thank you in advance for your support and commitment to protecting the valuable natural resources of North Carolina.

Sincerely,



T. Erie Haste, Jr. -- Chairman  
Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council

cc: The Honorable Walter B. Jones, Jr.  
The Honorable Eva M. Clayton  
The Honorable Jesse Helms  
The Honorable Marc Basnight  
The Honorable James B. Black, NC Speaker of the House  
The Honorable William C. Owens, Jr.  
Bill Holman, Secretary, NCDENR  
Bill Richardson, Currituck County  
John Carlock, Hampton Roads Planning District  
Colonel Delony, USACOE, Wilmington District