



Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council Members

FROM: Joan Giordano, Outreach Coordinator

SUBJ: Our Next Meeting - June 6, 2002

DATE: May 7, 2002

Hi Folks:

Enclosed is the agenda for our next Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council meeting scheduled for June 6th at the Town of Columbia's offices, on Main Street. As indicated, we'll begin at 4:00pm and expect to adjourn by 6:00pm.

Also included in this mailing is a memo alerting certain of you to the imminent arrival (at your address of record) of the draft version of the updated Pasquotank Basinwide Water Quality Plan. Others of you are being made aware of the Plan's posting arrayed on the NC Division of Water Quality's website.

I look forward to seeing you at both the Basinwide Plan public meeting on the 15th and at our regular meeting on June 6th. My thanks to Carlyle Harrell and the Town of Columbia for arranging our meeting space!



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Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council
Columbia Town Offices
Main Street
Columbia, NC
June 6, 2002

AGENDA

4:00PM	Welcome and Call to Order	Chairman Haste
4:05	Self-Introductions	All
4:10	Consideration of Minutes	Chairman Haste
4:15	<u>Presentation & Discussion</u> Proposed Water Management project- Dismal Swamp Wildlife Refuge	Dwane Hinson, NRCS District Conservationist
5:30	Public and Other Comment	All
5:45	Plans for Next Meeting	Chairman Haste
6:00	Adjourn	

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council Members:

Lloyd Griffin

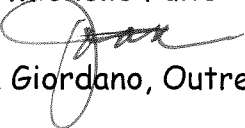
Nelson Smith

Carlyle Harrell

Noah Hill

Michelle Fults

John Carlock

FROM:  Joan Giordano, Outreach Coordinator

SUBJ: Draft of Updated Pasquotank Basinwide Water Quality Plan

DATE: May 7, 2002

Hi Folks:

Just a short note to let you know that the draft of the updated Pasquotank Basinwide Water Quality Plan is available for viewing on the NC Division of Water Quality website at: <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/basinwide/>

Unfortunately, there are not nor will there be, enough printed copies of the draft to make one available to every RC member, so I ask that you access the Internet and view the document there. Should you be unable to attend the public meeting (refer to my previous mailing for details) being held to solicit your input, written comments are being accepted through June 10th.

Thanks for your participation!

MEMORANDUM

TO: Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council Members:

Carl Parrott Yates Barber
Jennifer Frost T. Erie Haste, Jr.
Thomas Oakes

FROM: Joan Giordano, Outreach Coordinator

SUBJ: Update of Pasquotank River Basinwide Water Quality Plan

DATE: May 7, 2002

Hi Folks:

This memo is to let you know that I have arranged to have "hard copies" of the draft of the updated Pasquotank River Basinwide Plan sent to you directly from Raleigh. Unfortunately, there are not enough copies to send to all our membership. Please try to acquaint yourself with its contents prior to the public meetings being held to solicit your input on this draft. Should you be unable to be present at the meeting(s), written comments will be accepted through June 10th. (Please refer to my prior mailing containing the public meeting flyer and instructions for providing written comment).

While the draft also appears on the NC Division of Water Quality website: (<http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/basinwide/>), and I know some of you have internet access, I felt having the entire document in front of you would allow for marking it up, referencing your comments, and help provide for a more meaningful meeting.

Please watch the mail for your copy that will be arriving soon. I look forward to seeing you at the meeting of your choice and, as always, thank you very much for your continued dedication to protecting the natural resources of eastern North Carolina.

ATTENDANCE

Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council

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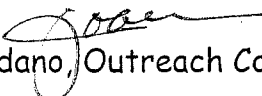
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	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
1.	<i>Joan Giordano</i>	<i>APNEP</i>
2.	<i>Robt Hill</i>	<i>UADCR</i>
3.	<i>Steve Haste</i>	<i>Perq.</i>
4.	<i>Carlisle Harrell</i>	<i>Columbia</i>
5.	<i>Juan Harmon</i>	<i>nrms</i>
6.	<i>Gates M. Barber</i>	<i>Pasq/Curr</i>
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TO: Pasquotank River Basin Regional Council Members

FROM: Joan Giordano,  Outreach Coordinator

SUBJ: ✓ Minutes of 6/6/02 Meeting and
Next Meeting Notice 8/1/02

DATE: July 25, 2002

Hi folks,

Enclosed are the minutes from our last meeting held on June 6, 2002 in Columbia, NC. As indicated in the minutes, our next regularly scheduled meeting will be taking place on Thursday, August 1, 2002 at the Columbia Town Offices. We will convene at 4:00PM. The agenda for the upcoming meeting is also enclosed.

I look forward to seeing you on August 1st and, as always, thank you for your commitment and dedication to protecting the natural resources of eastern North Carolina. Please drive safely!

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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Erie Haste, Jr. at 4:25pm. The minutes from the previous meeting were approved as mailed through motion by Carlyle Harrell and seconded by Yates Barber.

Dwane Hinson outlined the water management (drainage) project implemented by the Albemarle RC&D, the NRCS, Pasquotank SWCD, and local governments in the Newland community in Pasquotank Co. He explained the drainage problem resulted from several factors: natural overflow from the Great Dismal Swamp; redirection and blockage of this flow by US 158; and the installation of major canals and roads by timber companies and individuals. He further described the measures taken to rectify the flooding problem: remove blockages from the Pasquotank River; restoration of the US 158 dike; and the recommendation of a water quality plan for the Great Dismal Swamp Wildlife Refuge.

This information was preparatory to an updating of activity engaged in by the APNEP NC/VA Project Team - an outgrowth of the *Memorandum of Agreement* signed by both states in October 2001. The most recent meeting of that group occurred on May 29th in Gatesville and Mr. Hinson described those needs as expressed by Lloyd Culp, the Refuge Manager. This information will be included in the Comprehensive Conservation Ecosystem Plan that all the Refuges are tasked with developing.

Despite a firm need for a water management plan at the Refuge, Mr. Culp asked that for now, the MOA Project Team and others (RCs?), just review the draft Ecosystem Plan and make comments. The Plan will be available in September 2002.

Discussion ensued and those present felt that perhaps water management projects could be implemented downstream of the Refuge, independent of, and prior to, the Refuge's Plan being completed. Chairman Haste asked Noah Hill to poll the VA SWCD and the Cooperative Extension Service in order to determine what they saw as problems in those downstream areas, and report back to the PRBRC at their next meeting scheduled for August 1st.

In other business Joan Giordano reported on the transition of the APNEP from the NC Division of Water Quality to the Office of Conservation and Community Affairs, part of the DENR Secretary's Office. The official move will occur on July 1st, the commencement of the state's fiscal year. Joan also mentioned that an APNEP Coordinating Council meeting was being held on July 12th in Raleigh, at which time the official announcement would be made. NOTE: Mr. Barber and Lloyd Griffin attended the meeting representing the PRBRC.

Mr. Barber reported that he was preparing comments for the newly drafted Pasquotank River Basinwide Plan and would forward them to Jennifer Everett the basinwide planner responsible for writing the updated document.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with August 1st being selected as the next meeting date. The meeting will begin at 4:00pm at the Columbia Town Offices. Again, our great thanks to Columbia Town Mgr. Carlyle Harrell for making the arrangements!

