

ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO NATIONAL ESTUARY PROGRAM

ROANOKE RIVER BASIN REGIONAL COUNCIL

MEMORANDUM

TO: Roanoke River Basin Regional Council Members

FROM: Joan Giordano 

SUBJ: Meeting Notice and Minutes of Last Meeting

DATE: January 8, 2001

Greetings folks! I hope everyone had a GREAT HOLIDAY SEASON! Besides that wish for you, I have to say first thing, that the minutes from our last meeting (12/8/00) and the resolution rewrite accomplished at that meeting, were made available to me in a VERY timely manner. It is my fault and mine alone, that this mailing is so late in getting to you. I apologize and hope y'all will forgive me my trespass!

As you can see, the substance of our last meeting was completely dedicated to our latest resolution dealing with flow regulation of the Roanoke. Thanks go to our Chairman, Jerry Holloman who, with his usual flair, penned the initial version, and also to the members present at the last meeting who refined it. We will present the resolution to the Coordinating Council when they next meet.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 19th, at Claudine's Restaurant in Rich Square, beginning at 9:30am as was indicated in our November 17th minutes. Our agenda, which is not included with this mailing, will consist of a discussion of the Roanoke River Basinwide Water Quality Plan by Callie Dobson; decisions regarding to whom the current resolution should be sent; discussion on updates relating to the ethanol plants destined for our area; and open discussion pertaining to demo project updates, and/or other issues of concern to the lower Roanoke basin.

I look forward to seeing each of you as our New Year commences, and also to continuing your excellent participation in the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program.

ROANOKE RIVER BASIN COUNCIL

Minutes

January 19, 2001

Claudine's Restaurant

Rich Square, NC

The January 19, 2001, meeting of the Roanoke River Basin Council was called to order at approximately 10:20 a.m. Present at the meeting were as follows:

Jerry Holloman

Kay Winn

Alex McLennan

Michael Taylor

Proxy granted to Kay Winn by Jimmy Outland

Proxy granted to Alex McLennan by Jim Early

Excused absences for Jerry Coker, Jimmy Outland and Jim Early

The secretary determined that this constituted a quorum of the membership.

Staff members present were Guy Stefanski and Joan Giordano.

Minutes of the December special meeting were approved as mailed.

Old Business

First under old business was scheduled to be a presentation on the Basinwide Water Quality Plan by Callie Dobson. Due to illness, Callie could not make the meeting, so Guy Stefanski made the presentation. Flyers were distributed giving the scheduled meeting locations, dates and times for public presentation of the draft plan. The draft is presently at the printer. Those who are on the mailing list will receive a copy of the draft before the meeting dates, in approximately three weeks. It may also be accessed via the Internet at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/basinwide>.

Guy read the portions of the report that outlined the demonstration project, along with other actions implemented by Council during its tenure. Members of Council present expressed positive reactions to the manner in which these efforts were presented in the Plan.

Guy also mentioned that he is scheduled to make a presentation at a Water Resources Research Institute conference on March 29. This presentation will involve all 6 demo projects devised by the five river basin councils.

Next under old business, Council decided on the recipients of the resolution finalized at the December special meeting. These are as follows: Chairmen of the other four Councils; the five county managers in the lower Roanoke basin (Jerry Holloman has already carried the resolution to Bertie County); the new secretary of DENR, Bill Ross;

Chief Deputy Secretary of DENR, Dempsey Benton; US Senators and Congressmen; Chair of the Northeast Partnership; Corps of Engineers (both at Wilmington and to the 216 Study staff, c/o Sharon Haggett); The Nature Conservancy; Roanoke River Partners; Roanoke Sponsas Society, Inc.; Lake Gaston Association; Roanoke River Basin Association; and Governor Easley.

Monica Miller of USFWS gave an update of progress on the demo project. She distributed a printed accounting of expenditures to date. Fences are in, and as soon as weather permits installation of the liners of the stock watering tanks, the gates will be closed, excluding the cattle from the river. Due to the input of the Forestry Service in the written plan for the tree planting, there are requirements to spray to eliminate competing vegetation. This means that tree planting will not occur until next winter.

It was noted by Council that the estimate for the tree planting is \$7900, but remaining funds equal only \$6816.98. Monica is researching sources of free trees to help cut the costs of planting, which will likely be done by local contractors.

When asked what the landowner gives and gets for participating in the project, Monica explained that he had entered into a wildlife cooperative agreement to maintain the site for at least fifteen years. In return, he gets CRP payments for that duration.

Jerry Holloman presented a draft letter to Lynn Phillips, the designated DOC contact on the situation at Caledonia. Monica informed Council that their project is being put into CRP, too. A formal, planned process has begun with USFWS, and funding in an amount between eight and nine thousand dollars is expected to come forward to assist in the Caledonia project. These moves help the state to fund the implementation of BMP's on the prison farm site. Council edited the letter from Holloman to Phillips, and copies will be sent to Callie Dobson and DENR's secretary.

Finally under old business, Joan noted that no air permits have been requested through her office at Washington. There will be a meeting on January 29 on the issue.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for March 2, at 10:00 a.m., at Claudine's.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Winn, Secretary

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Roanoke River Basin Regional Council
North Carolina Division of Water Quality
943 Washington Square Mall
Washington, NC 27889

DRAFT

December 26, 2000

Lynn C. Phillips, Assistant Secretary
North Carolina Department of Correction
4201 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4201

Dear Assistant Secretary Phillips:

The Roanoke River Basin Regional Council (Council) congratulates your Department of Correction (DOC) staff for their prompt responses to Roanoke River riparian habitat and water quality concerns expressed by Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Holman. When I visited the Caledonia Correctional Institution Farm on September 12, 2000, with Manager Phillip Sykes, DOC Environmental Officer Randy Lee and Wayne Short and his staff from the Fishing Creek Soil and Water Conservation District (FCSWCD), I was impressed with the positive attitude in evidence, the near completion of the tire dump clean-up, the absence of cattle on the river's up gradient slopes and nearby corridor, plans discussed to permanently exclude farm animals from several dozen acres of river corridor and the reforestation of its hardwood forest. I am looking forward to a spring visit with Manager Sykes and Mr. Lee to view the results. I realize the reforestation will not be completed for some time but animal exclusion should have resulted in considerable natural revegetation of much of the sloped areas. *more time will not serve to imp. WQ*

Success of your Roanoke River riparian zone improvements will parallel a similar effort, a cooperative public/private venture, undertaken by the Council on a farm a few miles down river from the Caledonia Farm. Hopefully, your efforts and those of the Council, will have progressed sufficiently to be noted in the February update of the Roanoke River Basinwide Water Quality Plan. By copy of this letter to Ms. Callie Dobson, Water Quality Plan Coordinator, I am suggesting she appropriately reference our efforts; especially if she feels that success is evident to justify bragging and an example being made of what our respective departments and North Carolina farmers can cooperatively accomplish, to improve and protect the Roanoke River's water quality. The FCSWCD staff has already been asked to join the Council in an effort to timely publicize our efforts. Please join the Council, DENR, FCSWCD and others in coordinated efforts to communicate to North Carolina citizens the success of our efforts. *positive message*

Thank you for your efforts to be good stewards of your Roanoke River's natural resources. We look forward to green banks, clean waters and good fishing.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Holloman,
Chair

cc: Bill Holman

Phillip Sikes

Randy Lee

Wayne Short

Monica Miller

Joan Giordano

Callie Dobson.

Guy Stefanski

1-18-01 - Update on Lloyd Winslow Project

Date Submitted	Materials and Labor	Estimated Cost	Expenditures
	Two miles of Fence	\$11,000	
9-12-00	Materials & Labor (FWS) Total		\$10,576
	Alternate Water System	\$17,500	
11-1-00	Tank, pump, pipe & installation (RRBC)		\$10,229
12-13-00	Water trough materials (RRBC)		\$4,823.79
12-13-00	Water trough filter fabric (RRBC)		\$290
12-13-00	Water trough gravel (RRBC)		\$481.23
	Total		\$15,824.02
	Cattle Stream Crossing	\$4,600	
11-1-00	Pipe (FWS)		\$1,908
12-13-00 bill split FWS	Grading & Labor (RRBC)		\$3,900
12-13-00 bill split RRBC	Materials & equipment move cost (FWS)		\$1,975
	Total		\$7,783
	Riparian Zone Rehab (hardwood tree planting)	\$7,900	
	Total	\$41,000	\$34,183.02

Organization	Budget	Expenditures	Balance
US Fish and Wildlife Service	\$16,000	\$14,459	\$1,541
Roanoke River Basin Council	\$25,000	\$19,724.02	\$5,275.98
Total	\$41,000	\$34,183.02	\$6,816.98

Water System

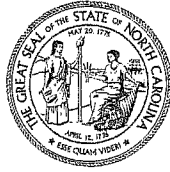
All the water troughs have been built. The inner lining on the troughs needs to be finished. Also the first trough is leaking and can't be fixed until the temperatures are warmer.

Tree Planting

With the project enrolled in CRP program we have to use the CRP plan for planting trees. That means the spraying was not completed on time and we can't plant the trees this winter even though we have a way to get trees.

Outreach ideas

Trying to get Mr. Winslow to talk to the local community about the project at a meeting in February informing folks about conservation options.



North Carolina Department of Correction

214 West Jones Street • 4201 MSC • Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4201

Michael F. Easley
Governor

Theodis Beck
Secretary

February 15, 2001

Mr. Jerry L. Holloman, Chair
Roanoke River Basin Regional Council
North Carolina Division of Water Quality
943 Washington Square Mall
Washington, North Carolina 27889

Re: Caledonia Farm Operations

Dear Chairman Holloman:

Thank you for your December 26, 2000 correspondence acknowledging the efforts by various Department of Correction staff to address environmental concerns associated with Correction Enterprises' farm operations adjacent to the Roanoke River. The cooperative effort among Farm Manager Sykes, Environmental Officer Lee, and Mr. Short of the Fishing Creek Soil and Water Conservation District exemplifies good government stewardship of our natural resources. I am certain that these cooperative efforts to protect the river basin will continue in anticipation of your future spring visit with Manager Sykes and Mr. Lee.

Again, thank you for acknowledging their efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn C. Phillips".

Lynn C. Phillips
Assistant Secretary

LCP:tsr:1

c: Theodis Beck, Secretary, NCDOC, Office of the Secretary
Jim Godwin, Director, NCDOC, Division of Correction Enterprises
Randy Lee, Environmental Officer, NCDOC, Division of Correction Enterprises
Phillip Sykes, Farm Manager, NCDOC, Caledonia Correctional Institution

Subject: Re: letter from Asst. Sec. Phillips

Date: Fri, 23 Feb 2001 14:59:40 -0500

From: Jerry_Holloman@fws.gov

To: Joan Giordano <Joan.Giordano@ncmail.net>

CC: darlene.kucken@ncmail.net, guy.stefanski@ncmail.net

Joan, our address: RRNWR, POB 430, Windsor, NC. 27983

Jerry

Joan Giordano
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02/21/2001 11:58 AM

To: jerry_holloman@fws.gov
cc: guy.stefanski@ncmail.net,
darlene.kucken@ncmail.net
Subject: letter from Asst. Sec. Phil

Good Morning Jerry:

I received an answer today. to our last letter sent to Asst. Sec. Phillips. I'll send you a copy in the mail, if you'll give me your new mailing address. Hope you're doing well, and I'll look to hear from you soon.

Joan

PS I LOVE this inter-dept. communication. Even if it's with the prisons!

*You'll
please make copy
of the attached, + send
original to: Jerry Holloman
Thanks!*