

ROANOKE RIVER BASIN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Heritage House Restaurant
Hyw. 17 N
Windsor, NC

January 14, 1998
9:00 - 12:00 noon

AGENDA

9:00	Call to Order	Mary Lilley, Acting Chair
9:05	Self-introductions	All
9:15	Old Business	Mary Lilley
	*Adoption of By-laws	
	*Expansion/Discussion Priority Concerns	
	*Nomination of Officers	
11:15	New Business	All
11:45	Public Comment	
12:00	Adjourn	

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Minutes

The meeting was called to order by acting Chair, Mary Lilley, at 9:00 am. Self-introductions were made and areas of expertise were described and shared with the group. Members present were:

Jerry Holloman	US Fish & Wildlife Service
Michael Taylor	Soil & Water Conservation-Northampton
Jim Outland	Northampton Co. Board of Commissioners
Jerry Coker	Weyerhaeuser
Chuck Laughridge	Halifax Co.
Mary Lilley	Martin Co.
Joan Giordano	DWQ staff
Guy Stefanski	DWQ staff

Ms. Lilley asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Chuck Laughridge moved they be accepted and Michael Taylor seconded the motion. Motion carried. Ms. Lilley declared a quorum to be present and the conduct of business to be in order. Ms. Lilley then asked that a reminder memo, in addition to the regular notice of meetings included in the meeting minutes, be distributed to the RRBRC 1 week prior to each meeting date. Staff agreed to comply with the request.

OLD BUSINESS:

The first order of business was discussion of the by-laws. After a section-by-section review of the last set of by-laws distributed to the Council, some amendments were made. Ms. Lilley then asked for a motion to accept the by-laws as amended. Chuck Laughridge moved they be accepted as amended and Jim Outland seconded the motion. The motion carried. **NOTE:** (See attachment).

Attention then turned to the nomination of officers. The following nominations were made:

Mary Lilley, Chair- motion by Jerry Coker, seconded by Jim Outland
Chuck Laughridge, V. Chair-motion by Michael Taylor, seconded by Jerry Coker
Kay Winn, Sect'y/Treasurer-motion by Jim Outland, seconded by Michael Taylor

The nominations were then closed. **NOTE:** Election of officers will occur at the next meeting.

The next order of business concerned the listing of priority concerns first generated at the Regional Council Kick-off Meeting held in Plymouth on September 19, 1997. Much discussion

ensued and the group concurred that flow regulation was an issue/concern of great importance to the Roanoke River. They recommended that this be inserted under statement #1 in the RRBRC priority listing. They also recommended that a site visit of staffers from the offices of Senators Jesse Helms and Lauch Faircloth would be useful in underscoring the importance of flow regulation of the Roanoke. Staff suggested that an invitation to the Corps of Engineers be issued to learn more about their role in the regulation of water flow in the Roanoke. A motion to accept these suggestions was made by Jim Outland and seconded by Chuck Laughridge. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

In new business, Ms. Lilley reported to the group that she had been contacted by Secretary Wayne McDevitt of the NC Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources to be one of three representatives from the RRBRC to the Albemarle-Pamlico Estuarine Study's (APES) Coordinating Council (CC). She asked for volunteers to fill the other two seats. The names of David Jennette, Andy Allen and Jerry Holloman were tendered.

The next meeting will be held in Roanoke Rapids at the Chamber of Commerce Bldg., 1640 Julian R. Allsbrook Hwy. (also known as Hwy. 158) on March 25, 1998 beginning at 9:00 am. This location is 1 block from the junction of I-95 and Hwy. 158 and will be on the right when going west. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

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What are the priority environmental concerns in your river basin?

Members of the Roanoke River Basin Regional Council have developed a list of priority environmental concerns for the Roanoke River Basin. This list originated during a break-out session at the September 25, 1997 Regional Councils "Kick-off" Meeting, and was expanded upon during their regular meetings on November 17, 1997 and January 14, 1998.

The RRBRC determined that "water flow" connects to every issue in the Roanoke River Basin. Water quality and flow go hand-in-hand. There is also an emphasis by the RRBRC to contact Congressional leaders to let them know what is going on at the local level.

PROBLEM STATEMENT #1: ADDRESS CONCERNS OVER WITHDRAWALS FROM AND FLOW RATES OF THE ROANOKE RIVER (EXAMPLE: LAKE GASTON PIPELINE).

- flow regulation
- amount of water taken from up-stream
- controlling water levels
- water in our basin should be controlled and left in our basin
- asynchronous river flows
- work/coordinate with Army Corps of Engineers on flow issues
- proximity to large, populated areas without enough water resources of their own (Gaston pipeline)

PROBLEM STATEMENT #2: ADDRESS PROBLEMS OF PRIVATE AND MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT.

- improve sewage treatment facilities
- we definitely need cost-effective alternative septic systems
- incorporate new industrial technology
- improving municipal wastewater (systems are ill-managed, in disrepair)

PROBLEM STATEMENT #3: ADDRESS ISSUES/ACTIVITIES DETRIMENTAL TO WATER QUALITY.

- control amount of sedimentation
- improve water color
- At what water-flow could the river become "nutrient sensitive"?
- ensure water flow to prevent toxic build up
- determine the quality of the rivers & streams going into the river
- industrial draws & discharges -- paper mills form "cone of depression", pollute w/ dioxin
- work to eliminate/improve operations of poorly operated auto graveyards, etc (which introduce oils, etc. to groundwater)
- flow from areas not under our jurisdiction -- Virginia regulations better or worse?

PROBLEM STATEMENT #4: ADDRESS AGRICULTURE AND SILVICULTURE PRACTICES WHICH AFFECT WATER QUALITY.

- need to seek out new farming practices that conserves soil, water and nutrients
- economic inducements to clear-cut alternatives
- impacts of wooded swamp alterations (drainage/restoration enhancements)
- Are silviculture BMPs being used? Are they working?

- maintain vegetation cover (critical to protecting river drainages)
- protection of wildlife
- continue to encourage good stewardship with AG Cost Shares extend to industry & forestry
- restore healthy fish stocks
- prevent fish kills
- an understanding of nonpoint source pollution (status/comparative degree of impact)
- ensure that all animal waste operations are certified as required

PROBLEM STATEMENT #5: ADDRESS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF RIPARIAN LANDOWNERS.

- come to grips focus attention on interbasin transfers
- make the case for rights of down-river riparian landowners
- protect riparian rights
- moritorium will activate "law of unintended consequences" counter productive.

PROBLEM STATEMENT #6: ADDRESS PROJECTED GROWTH AND ITS IMPACTS.

- properly plan for population growth and human impacts
- economic growth should be watched and controlled
- long-range plan for future expansion of industry or agriculture
- limit population growth or charge impact fees
- Is there enough water for economic development?

PROBLEM STATEMENT #7: ADDRESS EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT USES & OPPORTUNITIES OF ROANOKE RIVER.

- educate citizens & governments to make more recycling/reduction strategies a part of the plan
- teach our children to value environment without making them fearful

March 25, 1998

