

**Leadership Council Meeting**

**13 October 2023**

*North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality*

*Green Square*

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**Draft AGENDA & NOTES**

11:00 **Welcome**  Dr. Bill Crowell

Motion for to approve Dr. Susan White, Chair Pro-Tem

Introductions

Jeff Michael, Emma Hughes, Tom Allen, Carl Hershner, Paul Angermeier, Susan White, Todd Miller, Johnnie Purify / EPA , Stacey Bouma retiring/ NPS R4 / US Public Health Service, Angela /EPA, Staff (Steve Anderson absent/illness), Guests: Travis Cooke, RES, look forward to getting more involved in restoration projects

Agenda Review

11:10 **Public Comments** Bill Crowell

11:15 **Director’s Briefing**

* NEPs about engaged communities, sometimes have to go at pace partners are willing
* Match to 320 grant recently notified, come back to you how spend that money, now line up with same categories as in annual workplan without admin costs, may have opportunity to hire someone help with 320 or BIL funds, hope to be in recurring category in future budgets, couldn’t have done without leadership from DEQ and legislative liaisons and other partners making calls, appreciate support
* ANS plan development small award, still waiting for mechanism / MAPIs, USFWS, Tim NC news several new visitors coming into state, past tie to have a plan to deal with Tied to new federal budget
* Challening weather fall SAV flights, last window early this week, haven’t gotten feedback whether images good, Dr. Don Field think good. Wind, weather, rain previous day sun angle.; glimpse, fly 2 miles up, whitecaps, small spots/windows of time, happy get imagery
* Official PE letter from EPA HQ concluded APNEP make significant progress implement of ccmp/ highest ranking possible per Kirk,
* Coordinating with regional partners summit on algal blooms next month
* ASMFC / Beaufort / habitat committee, Bill give presentation, Jud give presentation, NCCF tour North River Farms site
* Eastern NC Sentinel Landscape look for ways to support, DEQ ask him to sit on SERPASS, emerging topics and efforts beneficial for APNEP
* Dredge spoil management beneficial use may be benefit to partnership
* Tom asked about Location for algal bloom workshop, Friday Nov 3, heather send out afterwards

11:25 **STAC Update** Dr. Paul Angermeier

* Paul: Update on summer meeting Aug 30, review the motivations and content.
* Engagement fallen off yet not sure why want STAC understand role and how engage, survey of STAC members.
* Topics include 2 main categories / meeting itself, location, virtual / duration, subject matter, organizational and disciplinary representation on STAC, who missing, talk to roles of the members, what are their jobs.
* How prioritize issues / wait for feedback from LC on how to do that
* New initiative / keep in mind have report deliverable coming up next year, get in touch with reps from other NEPS parallel work being done, particularly deliverable reports state of estuary, watershed, etc. / director NH Piscataqua, Callie gave virtual presentation at winter/February STAC meeting.
* Line up another NEP rep if we can, sense of what can do upcoming meeting November/ tweak way done things/ re-engage with those not as active due to covid/changes, etc.
* Ad-hoc Focus Teams complement ones we’ve had for a while, long term commitments, members provide tech advice, members align with CCMP actions, in addition to or in lieu of / member might serve on short term focus team, do something quick no more than 3 months on particular CCMP action, some may want to do both.
* Anyone relevant and willing can participate even STAC & CAC members/ STAC executive body provide oversight and craft group assignments
* Try tweak how run STAC meetings in general / team effort new emphasis / reduce time spent on quarterly meetings, those would focus on STAC admin/ cross team integration
* Jud: active leadership group in STAC / good overview/ one element / some of things looking at thinking about doing to engage STAC might involved ideas of prompting from CAC/ anxious to have formal interaction with CAC, know early in their formation and agenda, not forgetting them opportunity to provide additional scope or landscape STAC thinking or doing endorsed by overall LC /
* Susan any questions for STAC
* Susan question what is an example of a 3 month small focus group you might spin up?
* Paul, haven’t gotten to specific at this point, have in mind, say high priority CCMP action needs more specific work this group could help with , result in a concise quick turnaround report, STAC job bring together expertise that might be there not engaged on a particular question, try and find within or beyond ,
* Dean add clarification
* Susan engagement / lull, we’ve seen experiences across many working groups, commissions, etc., hard to pull folks back to materials and in person so work can get done, if approach with smaller groups is more palatable, might help with commitment phobia, excited to see how it works out/ bite size chunks of work may be better.
* Guests added:
* Tim Watkins added
* Jocelyn Painter / grad student at Duke
* Rachel hart ;/ EPA r4 coordinator

11:35 **CAC Update**  Holly White, Dr. Tom Allen

* Tom: behind curve, STAC/ great way to leverage what Paul describing, engage CAC on teams/
* Met with Steve, couldn’t meet a group meeting together in time for this one have brainstorm
* Spatial targeting / help with geographic void or gap in membership
* Engage members of CAC on monitoring plan moving forward
* Education and outreach
* Reflect with Holly what events coming up APNEP be visible with/ summit a good one/ opportunity had been sustained efforts in the Albemarle/Chowan Edenton area, prime opportunity for something; other idea sprint
* STAC bring few members of CAC on projects or teams, sprint on topic that suits their geography problem. Or resource interest, help get their inters/ algal blooms on Chowan good area
* Needs for expanding the membership: Industry, ag, aqua, fish/tourism/ecotourism, spheres want to do / not exclude nogs get business sector and acumen, one area / arts/ haven’t seen / at ICAR connect folk with art and festival, connect
* Photo context, apnep calendar, short abbreviated
* Jeff Michael offered up help from NCDCR
* Currituck area connector to VA / southern watersheds, northern part of the Albemarle. Further up on Chowan lost member / Halifax Nottoway are in agriculture.
* Susan challenges federal budget shutdown; annual aware right around begin of fed fiscal year, /haven’t been awarded is delay in the region. Admin delay, funding that we receive is from previous federal fiscal year, lag year behind, secure, just getting to us, system with dep work on reimbursement bases with epa/ system is supposed to be immune to the shutdown.

11:45 **Tribal Coastal Resilience Connections** Dr. Ryan E. Emanuel, (Lumbee), Duke University

Jocelyn Painter, MS, Duke University (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska),

Beth Roach, National Water Conservation Manager, Sierra Club (Tribal Councilwoman, Nottoway Indian Tribe of Virginia),

Chandler Allred, ECU, (Tuscarora)

Introduction by Beth Roach

Chandler offered Thanksgiving address, remind us to be thankful, bring all of our minds together.

* Translation of address - Beth Roach
* Grateful for LC for support work and being present today.
* Describe very robust report the group is very proud of
* No lack of obstacles and challenges, took a step back to allow for space.
* Delighted to have Chandler join (part-time funded by APNEP), new energy, share vision going forward, go at pace that is appropriate and is good, roles have shifted, remain committed even though shifting roles deeply committed to this work. A good strong team!

12:45 **Working Lunch:**

NC Natural and Working Lands Group Bailey Recktenwald, MPA, NC Governor’s Office

* CCRP Grant - make connection use for land acquisition.
* Jud on GHG sub-committee / wetlands sea grass inventory report / ebm plan / tendency to compartmentalize.
* APNEP coastal waters cumulative addition of carbon sequestration/ seagrass wetlands pocosins etc. how do we deal with that???? Climate adaptation combine with mitigation /

1:45 **BIL & Equity Strategy Update** Stacey Feken, M.S.

Spatial Targeting Dean Carpenter

RISE Collaborations Holly White

Land Cover/Wetlands Mapping Dean Carpenter

Projects & Budget Considerations Stacey Feken

BIL Steering Committee (2x2x2)

2:45 **Other Business**

3:00 **Adjourn**

**Upcoming Meetings: TBA**