

Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterway Committee

ESRNWC January 17, 2019 Minutes

At a meeting of the Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterways Committee held on the 17th day of January, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Northampton County Department of Social Services in Eastville.

Members Present: Donald L. Hart
James Dixon
John Coker
John Tavoraro
J.T. Holland
William J. "Billy" Tarr

Members Absent George "Danny" Bowden
Granville Hogg, Vice Chair
John Joeckel, Chair
Spencer Murray

Others Present: Curt Smith, A-NPDC
Jeff Deem, Accomack County Resident
Kim Husky, Ballard Fish & Oyster Company
Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC

Call to Order

In the absence of both Chairman Joeckel and Vice Chairman Hogg, Committee Member Hart acted as Chair. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Hart at 2:01 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Tarr, carried unanimously.

Old Business

a. Water Access Authority Update

Mr. Smith gave a brief update that a meeting with County Board of Supervisor Chairs in fall of 2018 put a hold on taking action on the WAA and instructed staff to research alternative management options.

b. VA Commonwealth Fund

- i. Final VPA Grant Guidance & Process** – Presented as included in packet.
- ii. ES State Waterway Projects** – Mr. Smith and Ms. Alexander presented final guidance provided by Chairman Joeckel.

Mr. Coker made a motion to move forward with VPA WMF grant development for Northampton County for Kings Creek, so long as contact with key stakeholders is made prior to submittal as application. The motion, seconded by Mr. Dixon, carried unanimously.

Mr. Hart made a motion to move forward with VPA WMF grant development for Accomack County for the Quinby waterway, so long as contact with key stakeholders is made prior to submittal as application. The motion, seconded by Mr. Tarr, carried unanimously.

- iii. NFWF, VIMS Projects** – Mr. Smith provided an update that neither awards were offered.

- c. USACE projects/announcement:** USACE provided an update on the status of the following projects, and a printed report was supplied to all Committee Members and members of the public present.
- d. USCG projects/announcements** – USCG did not provide an update. Discussion ensued about the impacts of the government shut-down on the dedicated local service men and women and their families and aide efforts underway.
- e. Cape Charles anchorage update** – Nothing new to report.

New Business

- a. Committee staff funding update** – Ms. Alexander provided an update as to the A-NPDC budget requests to each County that includes funding for staffing the Committee and developing grant applications for dredging and beneficial use projects.
- b. ByLaws amendment**
Mr. Tarr made a motion to amend the Committee ByLaws ARTICLE VI 6-1 to hold the meetings at 2:00pm instead of 3:00pm. The motion, seconded by Mr. Coker, carried unanimously.
- c. Letter of Support** –
Mr. Tarr made a motion to supply a letter of support for the new grant application for VIMS to NOAA for the Wachapreague Marsh Resilience Project. The motion, seconded by Mr. Coker, carried unanimously.

This is a similar project to the NFWF application from VIMS that was not awarded.

Other Matters

Mr. Tarr brought up the need for action from the Commonwealth to budget the match funds, \$500,000 per year for three years, for the USACE Chincoteague Inlet study as approved previously. He stated that the inlet is now over two miles wide and that local stakeholders have expressed the need for protecting the southern end of the island and have input to provide. A-

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NPDC staff is to reach out to Senator Lewis concerning the status of the match funding.

Public Comment

None.

Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn

The Committee agreed the next meeting will be on April 18, 2019 at 2:00 pm in the A-NPDC conference room in Accomac. Mr. Hart adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm.

John Joeckel, Chair

Curtis Smith, Secretary

Date

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