

**TOPSAIL ISLAND
SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMISSION**

February 27, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

Surf City

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Mike Curley called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Commission Members:

Chairman Michael Curley - Surf City
Ed Broadhurst - Topsail Beach
David Ward – Surf City
Tom Leonard- North Topsail Beach
Larry Combs - Topsail Beach
Richard Peters – North Topsail Beach
Hiram Williams –Surf City
Julian Bone- Topsail Beach
David Piepmeyer- Pender County

Liaisons:

Stuart Turille- North Topsail Beach

Others Attending:

Grier Fleischhauer - Topsail Beach
Morton Blanchard- Topsail Beach
Linda Stipe- Topsail Beach
Tom Eggleston- Topsail Beach

II Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Broadhurst made the motion to approve the January 22, 2015 minutes. Mr. Bone seconded the motion and it was carried.

III. Old Business:

- Appointments:

Mr. Curley stated that Mike Moore has been appointed to the CRAC. Million Heir-Williams was the new TISPC appointment from Onslow County and David Piepmeyer from Pender County.

Mr. Leonard stated that North Topsail Beach representatives recently visited Washington D.C. for the American Beach Preservation Conference. North Topsail Beach received an award for best restored beach. They got the opportunity to meet with Burr's office, Senator Tillis, the Majority Council Senate Committee, and the House subcommittee. They pushed for everyone to coordinate with Jones' office. They also met with Congressman Jones, and he assured us to keep pushing forward. We took the opportunity to tell how great of a job the new Colonel of the Army Corps is doing as well. Congressman Rouzer met with us personally. As a whole everything with the COBRA project seems to be going smoother, and we have a good feeling about all the effort.

- Connie Wilson:

Mr. Curley stated that Connie is still working on wind insurance ratings alongside Wayne Goodwin. She also stated she has a feeling that no others are currently lobbying for beach nourishment but her.

Mr. Broadhurst stated the state authorized four groins.

Mr. Leonard stated that only Bald Head was approved.

Mr. Turille asked why the towns could not form a caucus like the Congressional Waterway Cacus, and Connie could organize it.

Mr. Bone stated the Bi-ways and NC -20 is similar.

Mr. Curley stated he would ask Connie about it.

Mr. Leonard stated we should deal with Rouzer on a federal level.

- Towns' Local Projects:

1. North Topsail Beach:

Mr. Turille stated the sandbags on the north end are completed and consist of 1750 linear feet, built about 8' high above sea level. For mitigation of flooding and erosion. The bags allowed us to go from an emergency state to a stabilized situation. Phase 5 of the nourishment project is one mile in about 1/3 of the way. The new beach access and parking areas will add another 300 spaces and this is possible with county assistance.

2. Topsail Beach:

Mr. Bone stated they are coming right along and are looking to be finished by the end of March. The inlet is cleaned out and they are working down towards the marina, with less than one mile to go. The sand is an excellent quality.

3. Surf City

Mrs. Hobbs stated that we are currently underway with a sand push extending from the north end of town to the south end. Once the sand push is complete then the town will go through and plant different species of dune grasses along all oceanfront properties.

- Status of Existing Corps Projects

1. Corps – Pam Castens

The Commission decided to ask Pam and the Army Corps representatives to attend the next TISPC meeting March 26th at 1pm.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

V. OPEN FORUM:

Mr. Fleischhauer stated the West Onslow Beach project came across COBRA zone. It references that the federal government can dredge, but can't take sand out of the inlet and put it on the beach. Sounds like it could be re-interpreted differently but not on top of Army Corps projects. It was good of Topsail Beach to have the sand placed on the beaches.

Mr. Combs stated that Dave Timpee said it could be done but with certain equipment.

Mr. Broadhurst stated the federal government has been doing it for years but not putting it on the beaches. We should ask Pam if the federal law has changed, it would save millions using sand from the inlet instead of the ocean.

Mr. Bone suggested getting with Rouzer's office as well.

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The next meeting will be March 26th at 2pm at Topsail Beach.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mr. Peters made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Ward and carried.

Adopted this the _____ day of _____, 2013.

Michael Curley, TISPC Chairman

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, TISPC Recorder