

**TOPSAIL ISLAND  
SHORELINE PROTECTION COMMISSION**

March 24, 2016 - 2:00 p.m.  
Surf City Town Hall

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**I. 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  
Larry Combs- Topsail Beach  
Dick Peters- North Topsail Beach  
Hiram Williams- Surf City  
Michael Benson – North Topsail Beach  
Jerry Patton- Topsail Beach  
Dick McCartney-North Topsail Beach

Liaisons:

Stephanie Hobbs- Surf City  
Stuart Turille- North Topsail Beach  
Mike Rose- Topsail Beach  
Randall Woodruff- Pender County

Others Attending:

Steve Smith – Topsail Beach Commissioner  
John Goller – Topsail Beach  
Mike Moore- CRAC  
Morton Blanchard- Topsail Beach  
Linda Stipe– Topsail Beach  
Congressman Mike McIntyre- Poynter & Spruill  
Ms. Stone- Surf City Resident

**II. Approval of Minutes:**

Mr. Peters made the motion to approve the February 25, 2016 minutes.  
Mr. Benson seconded the motion and it was carried.

**III. Old Business:**

**A. Lobbyist**

Congressman McIntyre with Poynter Spruill stated he was happy to be able to join the team and he would be assisting the commission with the federal issues. As we get closer to the end of the fiscal year not far behind is the new federal fiscal year starting October 2016. This will allow for a better idea if there are any funds available for projects in our region. It is highly doubtful that congress will pass a resolution in time for the October start, it could be as long as February before we are clear if there are any funds. There are already plans for a trip to Washington. It is important to get meetings with Jones and Tillis and the two minority groups to get the news out of the importance of this project. Since earmarks no longer occur except from the Army Corps, so clearly we need to work closely with the Corps and keep them abreast of where the project stands.

Mr. Curley stated we just need funds to get started and it would get the WWRDA out of the seven year deadline period.

Mr. Patton stated there has been talk about using sand out of the inlet to replenish the beach in the federal beach project. The last information that was received was getting fish and wildlife's thoughts. This decreases the overall cost of the project.

Mr. Turille stated what fish and wildlife object to the use of federal funds for using sand from a COBRA zone for beach nourishment.

**B. Connie Wilson:**

Connie has had some meeting with the town managers. She has hired an assistant, Laurie Onorio, she will be listed as a lobbyist for us and we will signed the agreement for the secretary of state.

**C. Town Local Projects:**

1. North Topsail Beach:

Mr. Turille state they have began a dredge project at the New River and estimate and 100,000 cubic yards of sand. Sand deposition began Monday at the mouth of the river and going south. This is more of a protective measure rather than a wide beach. Hope to join with Onslow County and Camp Lejeune in the dredging of the New River, grant applications have been submitted. Completed a dune push in the non developed beach lots.

2. Topsail Beach:

Mr. Rose stated they are in part of their budget process. The Beach Inlet and Sound committee have been working in preparation for a forum in April. A study has been done that concluded that we have property owners that live in 28 other states.

1. Surf City:

Mrs. Hobbs stated they are working on the budget process with both preservation and nourishment expenses in mind. We are working on reworking the bathrooms at the central access and adding bathrooms at the Kinston Ave access. There will be a document shred opportunity on April 15<sup>th</sup> for all community residents.

**D. Status of Existing Corps Projects:**

Mrs. Castens with the Army Corps is working on the budget for the upcoming year.

Still waiting on the PPA approvals from the towns.

**E. CRC Update**

Mr. Moore stated there are no updates at this time and the next meeting is May 10 & 11<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Smith stated there is a course in Wilmington on March 30<sup>th</sup> called Beaches 101, a representative with Rouzer's office will be there. It is in regards to beach funding.

**V. OPEN FORUM:**

Mrs. Stone stated she has seen no vision on protecting this island, nothing has been done to keep the trees and maintain the planting. She is requesting more signs and more policing of the beaches.

**VI. Next Meeting:**

Mr. Curley stated that the next meeting will be April 28<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Topsail Beach Town Hall.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Peters and the motion carried.

Adopted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Michael Curley, TISPC Chairman

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Stephanie E. Hobbs, TISPC Recorder