

Commission Members:

Steve Smith
Mike Benson
David Ward
Dick Peters
Larry Combs
Teresa Batts
Hiram Williams
Jerry Patton
Jerry Heid
Mark Price
Ed Broadhurst

Public Present:

Dan Tuman, Mayor, N. Topsail Beach
Michael Rose, Town Manager, Topsail Beach
Linda Stipe, Commissioner, Topsail Beach
Bryan Chadwick, Town Manager, N. Topsail Beach
John Goller, Topsail Beach Resident
Ashley Loftis, Town Manager, Surf City
Stephanie Hobbs, Surf City Clerk
Chance Lambeth, Congressman Rouzer's Office

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1. Call to Order & Greetings
 2. Public Comments
 3. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Ward made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was carried.

4. Approval of the May 24, 2018 Minutes

Mr. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Benson seconded the motion and it was carried.

5. Consultant/Lobbyist/Partners – Information & Contact Review/Update
 - a. Poyner Spruill Attorneys – Mike McIntyre

There was discussion on protected birds in the Topsail Island area.

Mr. Broadhurst ask about the new WRDA bill and did it offer extensions.

Mr. Combs stated that yes the new bill would offer extensions to existing projects.

Mr. Smith discussed the new construction start went to Sarasota F.L. but the Topsail projects are still in the top 5 in the state and the top 10 in the nation.

Mr. Williams stated there are possibilities of the Executive Branch of the US Government splitting the Corps into different departments. A portion of their employees/responsibilities would go to the Department of the Interior under Fish and Wildlife while those responsible for navigation aspects such as inlets would be in the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Lambert discussed that he did not see that happening in the near future.

- b. Connie Wilson Consulting – Connie Wilson

Connie Wilson had no updates.

6. United States Army Corp of Engineering (USACE) Update– Pam Castens.

Pam Castens had no updates.

7. NC Coastal Resources Commission (CRAC & CRC) Update – Mike Moore
 - a. July 11-12 Meeting

8. North Carolina Beach, Inlet & Waterway Association (NCBIWA) Review – Kathleen Riely

Ms. Riely set out a letter in regard to disposal sites, this could severely impact certain areas. It would limit the disposal sites for dredged materials.

9. Old Business
 - a. State funding for Coastal Storm Mitigation Fund (BIMP Beach Maintenance Funding)

Mr. Smith stated there is \$5 million funded from the state for beach maintenance. They are in the process of putting together advisory committees on how and where the monies should be spent. They are also working on the rules to the spending of the money.

- b. Increase levels of flooding – Sea Level Rise

Mr. Smith ask that everyone proactively think about sea level rise and the impacts it could have on our community.

Mr. Williams stated that if we keep the beach to where we don't have the flood come from the ocean that brings in the sand. Otherwise, the sand is left on the side of the road which then does not allow for the water to leave the road but rather pond up there.

Mr. Rose stated that there is now an availability for towns to apply with the state to be able to pump water in the event of a bad storm. Topsail Beach put together a plan and submitted it but the rules and regulations changed before issuance. They are looking at basins to catch the water and then have the availability to pump it out. Topsail Beach has an estimated 6-8" of water in the streets during storms.

10. Town's Local Projects
 - a. North Topsail Beach –

Mr. Benson stated that N. Topsail has been working on restoration of the sandbag revetment. They are waiting on engineering proposals. They are working with the county on a one-time Advance Maintenance dredge project that would widen the channel of the New River Inlet to 150 ft. A pre-scoping meeting with both state and federal regulators was held in the Wilmington DCM offices for our permitting consultant, Dial-Cordy, Inc. to learn of changes or additions needed to EIS plan under development for the hardened structure at NRI. The federal project manager for the USACE requested a federal environmental impact study for the permitting of the project to go along with the state EIS.



REGULAR MEETING MINTUES

THURSDAY, June 28, 2018, 2:00 PM

Surf City Town Hall

b. Surf City –

Mrs. Loftis is continuing to work with TI Coastal on the Surf City private project. TI Coastal just finished up with geo samples and we are awaiting those reports.

c. Topsail Beach –

Mr. Rose stated that Topsail Beach is continuing with their private project, and they are awaiting permitting due to some critical habitat area of concern with the sand sites. Earlier this week all three towns and Holly Ridge met with Pender County regarding hurricane preparations and emergency preparedness.

11. New Business

a. Resource Institute

Mr. Smith discussed Resource Institute has been funded with \$5 million in the state budget.

Mr. Benson stated that N. Topsail Beach officials met with representatives of the Resource Institute. They are looking for new ideas to improve shoreline durability. There was a company there, Atlantic Reefmaker, which makes pre-cast concrete reefs that have been used previously in sounds to reduce shoreline erosion. It appeared they are looking for new ideas to leverage their funding for larger projects. He told the other towns that this is a wide-open opportunity for new innovative ideas for beach durability.

12. Open Forum

a. No one came forward

13. Next Meeting – Topsail Beach, 2 PM, August 23, 2018

14. Adjournment

Mr. Price made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Broadhurst seconded the motion and it was carried.