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## CARTERET COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION MEETING

Minutes

Pine Knoll Shores Town Hall

October 25, 2010, 2 pm

### Attendance.

Commission chair Buck Fugate, Commission Members A.B. "Trace" Cooper, William Donnelly (vice chair), Doug Fleming, Jack Goldstein, Tom Hoover, Richard Hunt, Ted Lindblad, Dr. Antonio Rodriguez, secretary Greg Rudolph, and the general public. Members Ken Jones and Art Schools were absent.

- (1) **Call to Order.** –Chairman Fugate called the meeting to order.
- (2) **Approval of Minutes - Regular Beach Commission Meeting (August 23, 2010).** – Chairman Fugate asked the Commission if there were any corrections, additions, or comments regarding the August 23<sup>rd</sup> regular session minutes presented in the agenda packet. With no remarks to this effect voiced by the Beach Commission, member Hoover motioned the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by member Lindblad and unanimously approved.
- (3) **Occupancy Tax and "Beach Fund" Update.** – Secretary Rudolph directed the Commission to the agenda materials and summarized that the occupancy tax had very positive numbers for the first two months of the fiscal year, with a 13% and 1% gain reported for July and August, respectively. Again comparing this current fiscal year (FY 2010-11) to last year (FY 2009-10), the year-to-date total is up by 7%, which includes 2 out of the 3 highest months of the occupancy tax, historically. In general, collections were up in July and August across both the hotel/motel and condo/cottage sectors, with the exception of the August condo/cottage collection, which was down by <0.5%, but was accommodated by the collections reported for the hotel/motel sector. In conclusion, the secretary noted the "Beach Fund" reserve balance was approximately \$10.4 million, and importantly, the ending balance for FY 2009-10 is included in this calculation, which is the first time this number has been reported to the Beach Commission.
- (4) **2009 - 2010 Annual Report: Bogue Banks Beach & Nearshore Mapping Program.** – Chairman Fugate introduced Moffatt & Nichol's Johnny Martin who subsequently provided a [PowerPoint presentation](#) to the Beach Commission and audience summarizing the key aspects of the 2009-10 Bogue Banks Beach & Nearshore Mapping Program that includes periodic surveying of Bogue Banks, Shackleford Banks, and Bear Island. Mr. Martin's presentation also included updates concerning; (1) the proposed Emerald Isle Hot Spot nourishment project and (2) the Bogue Banks Master Plan/Programmatic EIS. The mapping/monitoring report is also available on-line at <http://www.protectthebeach.com/Monitoring/2010%20BBBNMP%20Final%20Report.pdf>.
- (5) **Public Comment.** – Jim Willis, III thanked the Beach Commission for continuing to survey Bear Island and Shackleford Banks as part of the monitoring program that was just discussed. It is a

good "insurance policy" to prove/disprove any future assertions that could be levied attempting to establish detrimental cause and affect relationships between Bogue Banks nourishment and dredging projects and the adjacent barrier islands. Likewise, the Commission is also complimented for continuing to run Shackleford Banks profile #3 across Barden Inlet – this will help determine the shoaling rate of the inlet and when the inlet may close in the future. In conclusion, Mr. Willis noted that the beach near the Circle in Atlantic Beach is widest it has been in the seventy odd years he has been here, and it won't be in the distant future that someone will complain about having too much sand in this area. Therefore it is important that Ft. Macon receives as much sand as possible. This mindset needs to be applied to the proposed Master Plan, i.e., if an area doesn't need sand, then place the sand in areas that are in need. Chairman Fugate replied that that is indeed the goal of the Master Plan, but we also need to remain cognizant that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) controls the sand emanating out of the Morehead City Harbor. The Dredged Material Management Plan that the Corps is currently preparing for the Harbor should (must) address this.

- (6) **Other Business.** – Secretary Rudolph mentioned that the N.C. Beach, Inlet, & Waterway Association is having their annual meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Wrightsville Beach; and the N.C. Water Resources Congress is having their annual meeting in Raleigh on November 4<sup>th</sup>. If Beach Commission members are interested in attending either meeting, then the Shore Protection Office will pay for registration and will reimburse individuals for their meals and lodging.
- (7) **November 2010 Meeting Date (November 29, 2010 – proposed).** – It was agreed upon that the next Beach Commission meeting would be held on November 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm, at Pine Knoll Shores Town Hall.
- (8) **Adjourn.** – Chairman Fugate asked for any additional comments and with no additional comments forthcoming, the meeting was adjourned.