

WICOMICO SCENIC RIVER COMMISSION

Appointed to represent the interests of the Wicomico Scenic River and its tributaries
in Charles and St. Mary's Counties

Minutes of the meeting held on January 29, 2007

Members Present: _____ Members Absent: _____ Guests: _____
Dennis Bridgett, Chairman G. Wade Compton
Bill Montgomery, Vice Chair Kathie Reich
Barbara Hays, Treasurer
Bob Denning
George Lancaster
Valerie Nyce
Sue Veith
Aimee Dailey

The meeting was held at the Veteran's Home in Charlotte Hall, Maryland. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bridgett.

Minutes from the previous meeting will be available for consideration at the February meeting.

Officers Reports

- a. Chairman—None
- b. Vice Chairman----None
- c. Treasurer
 - i. There is \$2,464.64 available in the checking account

County Staff Reports

- a. Charles County
 1. None.
- b. St. Mary's County
 1. Ms. Veith provided the following update on recent St. Mary's County activities of relevance to the Commission:
 - a. A major subdivision moratorium is likely in the next few months in this watershed.
 - b. They are in the process of updating the Sewer and Water Plan.

Reports of Standing Committees: None

Correspondence: Ms. Dailey informed the Commission that correspondence was received: the Litter Letter and Solomon's Sketches. These items were passed along for informational purposes. A discussion was held regarding a new guide available from Maryland Sea Grant College for the identification of bay grasses. It was determined that the commission is interested in possibly purchasing this item in bulk. Ms. Dailey will inquire regarding any price advantages to bulk purchasing.

Old Business

1. Video: Copies to be distributed to the La Plata and Charles County Library. Additionally, it was determined that each school should receive a copy. Ms. Hays volunteered to coordinate this effort.

New Business:

1. Leonardtown Earth Day—The commission discussed manning the booth for the Sunday,

April 22, event.

2. Election of officers:

Chairman—Motion was made by Ms. Nyce, seconded by Mr. Bridgett, to nominate Mr. Montgomery for the office of Chairman. All in favor, motion carried.

Vice Chairman—Motion was made by Ms. Hays, seconded by Mr. Lancaster, to nominate Mr. Denning for the office of Vice Chairman. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer—Motion was made by Ms. Nyce, seconded by Mr. Bridgett, to nominate Ms. Hays for the office of Treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.

3. 2007 Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup is scheduled for March 31, and April 1, 2007. Discussion ensued regarding which day would work best for the Commission. It was agreed that the Commission will participate from 7am to 9am at the Allen's Fresh location on March 31, 2007. The Commission will invite the participation of the Lower Potomac Tributary Team.

4. Administrative items: Ms. Dailey provided the Commission members with a copy of the By-laws and membership roster. Address and phone number changes/edits were provided for consideration.

5. The Commission members also discussed the Mirant water appropriation request pending approval for the wet scrubber installation. Discussion ensued regarding whether the Commission should write a letter or seek more information. No action items were addressed.

6. Additional topics for presentation were discussed. Some items of interest include a presentation from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation regarding their oyster programs; environmental aspects of mining operations (specific information on the Gardiner Road site possible available).

7. Science Fair—The Commission discussed participation in this year's science fair on March 3, at North Pointe High. A motion was made by Ms. Hays, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, to judge and offer three awards at the science fair all in favor, motion carried.

8. A request was received for support of the Charles County NPDES projects within the watershed. Ms. Dailey discussed the nature of this request: two NPDES retrofit projects at Brown Elementary and Middletown Middle School. The County is applying for a grant to fund the proposed wetland plantings and is looking for an additional partner and a letter of support. Motion made by Ms. Nyce, seconded by Ms. Hays, agree to provide a letter of support for this project. All in favor, motion carried.

Programs/Presentations

1. None.

The next meeting is to be held February 26, 2007.