

# 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 February 22, 2010

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Guests</u>
William Montgomery, Chairman	G. Wade Compton	Scott Hymes, DNR
Barbara Hays, Treasurer	Sue Veith, staff	Bill Barger, Cobb Island Citizens Association
Valerie Nyce		
Bob Elwood		
Ty Fuqua		
Stacey Fowler		
Aimee Dailey, staff		

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

### Reading/Approval of the Previous Minutes

1. Mr. Montgomery made a motion to approve the minutes from December 7, 2009, seconded by Ms. Nyce. All members in favor, motion carried.

### Officers Reports

- a. Chairman–
  1. No Report.
- b. Vice Chairman
  1. No report.
- c. Treasurer
  1. To date, \$2535.74 in bank account.

### County Staff Reports

- a. Charles County
  1. Ms. Dailey announced she would not be present for a March 2010 meeting. An update on the status of the Charles County Critical Area Program Update was provided.
- b. St. Mary's County
  1. No report.

### Reports of Standing Committees:

1. None.

### Correspondence:

1. None.

### Old Business

1. Marylanders Grow Oysters
  - Discussion of lobbying effort to get DNR to provide a sanctuary for the oysters

in the Wicomico River. Mr. Barger and Lower Potomac Tributary team received letters from Frank Dawson, DNR supporting a sanctuary, but not necessarily the proposed area.

- Mr. Elwood to participate in the MGO staff meeting.
- Mr. Elwood and Mr. Barger discussed the open house regarding the new sanctuaries and statewide oyster policy.
- A motion was made by Mr. Elwood, seconded by Ms. Fowler that Mr. Fuqua would send a letter to the Charles County Commissioners requesting that they issue a proclamation or send a letter to the State urging them to provide a sanctuary in the Wicomico River. All members in favor, motion carried.
- Mr. Montgomery opened a discussion of the need to involve the local waterman in this process. Mr. Elwood suggested that a good place to start would be the St. Mary's Oyster Commission.

New Business:

1. Earthday on the Square: The Commission discussed whether it is necessary to have volunteers and a display present. No member expressed interest in participating.
2. Science Fair: Ms. Fowler and Ms. Hays to judge at the local science fair at North Point High on April 10, 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Elwood, seconded by Mr. Montgomery that prizes to be awarded to winners as per annual policy: three \$50 Borders gift cards. All members in favor, motion Carried.
3. Mirant Fly Ash: Ms. Dailey informed the Board that the Faulkner Fly Ash facility is up for renewal of its special exception and a public hearing before the Charles County Board of Appeals will be held March 9, 2010. A motion was made by Mr. Elwood, seconded by Ms. Hays, that Ms. Hays will read a statement at the meeting requesting that they (the Board of Appeals) refrain from approval of the special exception until lawsuits from the state and purported leakage are resolved. This motion was amended to include the applicable special exception number and case number. All members in favor, motion carried.
4. Mr. Elwood discussed a presentation from York County regarding first order stream responsibility of erosion and restoration.
5. Ms. Hays announced that there will be a fundraiser for the Port Tobacco River Conservancy at the Waldorf Jaycees on March 12, 2010. Ms. Hays offered to send an electronic link to the website to the commission.
6. The team requested that Mr. Hymes, DNR, provide information regarding biological testing, the status of the letter sent to Secretary Griffin, and a contact for the St. Mary's Oyster Commission.

Program/Presentations:

1. None.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Elwood, seconded by Ms. Hays. All members in favor, motion carried.

The next meeting is to be held April 26, 2009.