

# 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 December 7, 2009

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

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

None.

### Officers Reports

- a. Chairman—
  1. No Report.
- b. Vice Chairman
  1. No report.
- c. Treasurer
  1. No report.

### County Staff Reports

- a. Charles County
  1. Welcome to new members Ty Fuqua and Stacey Fowler.
- 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. The team agreed to send letters to Secretary Griffin and Governor O'Malley to bring to their attention this issue.
  - Discussion with Chris Judy regarding assistance available to help find a

- sanctuary site. Recommendation to try for upper portion of the river
- If the team is unable to secure a sanctuary in the Wicomico River, the next option is ecological leases, for which no procedure exists yet.

New Business:

1. None.

Program/Presentations:

1. Chris Judy, DNR, Presentation offered at the Lower Potomac Tributary Team Meeting at 5:30pm.:
  - a) Provided information to the group regarding the Governor's recent announcement of oyster sanctuaries and harvesting areas. The sanctuary areas did not include the Wicomico River.
  - b) Explained ecological leasing.

The next meeting is to be held January 25, 2009.