

Roanoke River Basin Regional Council

Minutes of Jan. 19, 2001 Meeting

Claudine's Restaurant
Rich Square, NC

The January 19, 2001, meeting of the *Roanoke River Basin Council* was called to order at approximately 10:20 a.m. Present at the meeting were as follows:

Jerry Holloman

Kay Winn

Alex McLennan

Michael Taylor

Proxy granted to Kay Winn by Jimmy Outland

Proxy granted to Alex McLennan by Jim Early

Excused absences for Jerry Coker, Jimmy Outland and Jim Early

The secretary determined that this constituted a quorum of the membership.

Staff members present were Guy Stefanski and Joan Giordano.

Minutes of the December special meeting were approved as mailed.

Old Business

First under old business was scheduled to be a presentation on the Basinwide Water Quality Plan by Callie Dobson. Due to illness, Callie could not make the meeting, so Guy Stefanski made the presentation. Flyers were distributed giving the scheduled meeting locations, dates and times for public presentation of the draft plan. The draft is presently at the printer. Those who are on the mailing list will receive a copy of the draft before the meeting dates, in approximately three weeks. It may also be accessed via the Internet at <http://h2o.enr.state.nc.us/basinwide>.

Guy read the portions of the report that outlined the demonstration project, along with other actions implemented by Council during its tenure. Members of Council present expressed positive reactions to the manner in which these efforts were presented in the Plan.

Guy also mentioned that he is scheduled to make a presentation at a Water Resources Research Institute conference on March 29. This presentation will involve all 6 demo projects devised by the five river basin councils.

Next under old business, Council decided on the recipients of the resolution finalized at the December special meeting. These are as follows: Chairmen of

the other four Councils; the five county managers in the lower Roanoke basin (Jerry Holloman has already carried the resolution to Bertie County); the new secretary of DENR, Bill Ross, Chief Deputy Secretary of DENR, Dempsey Benton; US Senators and Congressmen; Chair of the Northeast Partnership; Corps of Engineers (both at Wilmington and to the 216 Study staff, c/o Sharon Haggett); The Nature Conservancy; Roanoke River Partners; Roanaix Sponas Society, Inc.; Lake Gaston Association; Roanoke River Basin Association; and Governor Easley.

Monica Miller of USFWS gave an update of progress on the domo project. She distributed a printed accounting of expenditures to date. Fences are in, and as soon as weather permits installation of the liners of the stock watering tanks, the gates will be closed, excluding the cattle from the river. Due to the input of the Forestry Service in the written plan for the tree planting, there are requirements to spray to eliminate competing vegetation. This means that tree planting will not occur until next winter.

It was noted by Council that the estimate for the tree planting is \$7900, but remaining funds equal only \$6816.98. Monica is researching sources of free trees to help cut the costs of planting, which will likely be done by local contractors.

When asked what the landowner gives and gets for participating in the project, Monica explained that he had entered into a wildlife cooperative agreement to maintain the site for at least fifteen years. In return, he gets CRP payments for that duration.

Jerry Holloman presented a draft letter to Lynn Phillips, the designated DOC contact on the situation at Caledonia. Monica informed Council that their project is being put into CRP, too. A formal, planned process has begun with USFWS, and funding in an amount between eight and nine thousand dollars is expected to come forward to assist in the Caledonia project. These moves help the state to fund the implementation of BMP's on the prison farm site. Council edited the letter from Holloman to Phillips, and copies will be sent to Callie Dobson and DENR's secretary.

Finally under old business, Joan noted that no air permits have been requested through her office at Washington. There will be a meeting on January 29 on the issue.

There being no further business, Council adjourned at 12:10 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for March 2, at 10:00 a.m. at Claudine's.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Winn, Secretary