

Dare County Waterways Commission

Unofficial Minutes

Monday, August 8, 2022
7:00 PM (Virtual Meeting)

Call to Order

Roll Call: Steve Coulter, Natalie Kavanagh, KP Scott

Acceptance of Minutes:

- Quorum not present

Welcome: Chairman Steve Coulter

New Business

USCG Report

- John Ahlen reported the Coast Guard moved buoys 12A, 15, 17 in Hatteras Inlet and Barney Slough to mark shoals. Plan is to put a couple more buoys in Sloop and move the buoy south near the entrance to the Connector Channel to avoid confusion. Steve said there have been no major incidents in the Connector Channel in the last month. Some shoaling is appearing near buoy 8.

Corps Report

- Jeremy Smith stated they are planning to survey the Connector Channel next week. The Murden will be working Bigfoot Slough before heading to Manns Harbor for maintenance. The Merritt is working the west side of Oregon inlet and after final concurrence from the resource agencies, the Snell will soon start dredging.
- The Corps is still tracking a October 7th realignment date. Resource agencies are still reviewing. Barton commented the realignment letter projected anytime of year dredging for Sloop and South Ferry Channel may be approved.
- Barton reported the cultural resource survey has been sent as of last Friday and provided to the agencies. Only items in the area were the cables.
- KP asked the Corps about getting the Merritt on the schedule to proactively dredge before there are major issues. Jeremy is looking at early October unless the shoaling worsens before. Jeremy and Barton will coordinate. Right now we are out of the environmental window and we do not have permits for portions of the channel where shoaling is located.

NCDOT Ferry Report

- Catherine reported the ferries were able to access Stumpy Point and Rodanthe. There is some shoaling in Rodanthe restricting the movement of the dredge.
- The majority of South Dock work is complete, but the spoil site is full. They will be back in March to complete dredging.

Public Comment

- No public comment

Old Business

- None

Administrative Business

- Current Budget
 - Non-Federal Funds with Corps for HCC: \$20,000
 - Infrastructure Bill for Rollinson Channel: \$1,430,000
 - Dare County FY2023 Budget: \$250,000
 - Miss Katie Remaining Funds: \$800,000
- MOA/Permit Status
 - MOA- Expires 02/2023
 - CAMA – Expires 12/2024
 - Department of the Army Permit – Expires 03/2027
- Barton reported Finance has sent \$48,875 to the State. With State match, a total of \$195,500 will be sent to the Corps. It has not yet been received by the Corps.
- The Miss Katie will have \$800,000 in the budget. It is leaving Louisiana later this week.
- Barton and Jeremy spoke about the Rollinson Realignment and that it should fall under the long-term MOA.
- The agencies are reviewing the South Ferry expansion permit application.
- With the State of Emergency expiring, the Waterways Commission will need to return to in person meetings. Odd months in Manteo and even months in Buxton.

Board Member Business

Adjournment