

AGENDA

MIDDLE PENINSULA CHESAPEAKE BAY PUBLIC ACCESS AUTHORITY

April 9, 2004

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Middlesex County, Virginia

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of February minutes
3. Treasurers Report
4. Public Comment
5. Report on PAA Update Report
6. Report on Letters to BFI and MPLT
7. Discussion of Draft Logo
8. Review of Draft Mobility Maps and Relations to Public Access Standards
9. Update on "Brown Tract" Management Plan
10. Update on New Point Light Application
11. Discussion of Middle Peninsula State Park
12. Other Business
13. Chairman's Observations
14. Next Meeting
15. Adjourn

**Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay
Public Access Authority**

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Mr. Ronald A. Hachey


King William County
Mr. Frank Pleva
(Vice Chairman)

Town of West Point
Mr. Trenton Funkhouser

Mathews County
Mr. Steve Whiteway
(Chairman)

MEMORANDUM

TO: Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority Members

FROM: Lewis Lawrence, Dir. of Regional Planning 

DATE: April 5, 2004

SUBJECT: Public Access Meeting

This is to call a meeting of the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority for April 9, 2004 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the MPPDC Board Room.

The agenda and minutes from the last meeting are attached. Fried chicken, cole slaw, roles and drinks will provided for lunch.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail. I can be reached at 804-758-2311

Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority
Minutes
February 13, 2004

The Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority held its meeting in the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Regional Board Room at noon in Saluda, Virginia, on February 13, 2004. Members present were Chairman Stephen Whiteway, Mathews County Administrator; R. Gary Allen, Essex County Administrator; Trenton Funkhouser, West Point Town Manager; Frank Pleva, King William County Administrator; Louise Theberge, Gloucester County Board of Supervisors; Ron Hachey, King and Queen County Administrator; Dan Kavanagh, MPPDC Executive Director; David Fuss, Program Director of Dragon Run Special Area Management Plan; and Lewis Lawrence, MPPDC Director of Regional Planning.

Chairman Whiteway welcomed everyone in attendance with a special welcome to newly appointed Town Manager of West Point, Trenton Funkhouser.

The December 12, 2003 Minutes were distributed. A few minutes were given for the Board to read the Minutes. Chairman Whiteway requested a motion to approve the December 12, 2003 Minutes. Ron Hachey moved that the Minutes be approved with corrections noted. Spelling corrections were made to June Parker Marina, Army Corps, and Dragon Run Special Area Management Program; Louise Theberge seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Whiteway requested Lewis to review the February financial report. Lewis advised the Board that the Public Access Authority has restructured the financial reporting and members were to take note of the new reporting format.

There were no Public Comments from citizens. Ron Hachey, King and Queen Administrator expressed his thanks from BFI and the Middle Peninsula Land Trust for their recent donation. Chairman Whiteway directed Lewis to submit a letter of thanks to the MPLT and BFI on behalf of the Public Access Authority.

Delegate Morgan's Budget Request

Lewis said that Delegate Harvey Morgan entered a budget amendment for \$70,000 for staff support of the Access Authority. Dan Kavanagh reported that he had discussed the budget amendment with Delegate Morgan and if funded, Delegate Morgan would amend the next budget for an additional \$70,000.

Work Plan Development-\$10,000 Coastal Program Reprogrammed Funding Support

The Virginia Coastal Program agreed to grant the Access Authority \$10,000 to assist the Access Authority in development of a work plan. Lewis will submit application.

CELP (Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program) \$1,000,000 Dragon Funding-Federal Earmark-Public Access

Lewis provided an update on the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program. Lewis reported a \$1M federal earmark for land purchase within the Dragon Run Watershed and the Access Authority could be the recipient of these funds.

Dave Fuss, Director of Dragon Run SAMP, gave an update on the history behind the CELP funding.

A discussion followed.

Gary Allen, Essex County Administrator, wanted to know if there is enough land available for sale in the watershed currently and Dave indicated that there is sufficient amount of land that is available.

Ron Hachey, King and Queen County Administrator, discussed the lost revenue his Commissioner of Revenue, with a vote, that 2,000 acres of land was recently removed off the county's tax roll. Mr. Hachey advised the Access Authority of the potential loss of revenue associated with land acquisition.

Lewis said that whenever the Department of Forestry conducts timbering on their holdings that by State Code a quarter of revenue generated from timbering goes back to local government to offset loss tax revenue.

Discussion followed relating to value of open space to local governments and the cost of public service savings by keeping land in open space.

New Point Project Update

Lewis updated the Board on Mathews County's request for \$8,000 in federal funds to rebuild pier at New Point and install a security door at the lighthouse. The grant application has been forwarded to NOAA for approval.

Brown Tract Management Plan Meeting

Lewis advised the Board and provided draft agenda of the upcoming Management Team meeting. Discussion followed relating to potential uses of Brown Tract. Lewis will report back to the Board with a recommendation for use of the Brown Tract.

Middle Peninsula Land Trust-Mathews County Fee Simple Land

Chairman Whiteway updated the Board on land acquisition opportunities in Mathews County and the potential of using the Access Authority to hold conservation easements from land transferred from the Middle Peninsula Land Trust to Mathews County.

Gloucester County Public Access Funding Assistance

Louise Theberge, Gloucester County Board of Supervisors, provided the Board with an update on the Gloucester Point Public Access. Lewis advised the Board that the Coastal Program maybe able to provide a grant to assist with this project. Chairman Whiteway directed Lewis to submit an application to the Coastal Program.