



Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority Members

FROM: Lewis Lawrence, Dir. of Regional Planning

DATE: July 24, 2003

SUBJECT: Public Access Meeting

This is to call a meeting of the Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority for August 8, 2003, at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the MPPDC Board Room.

The agenda and related materials are attached. If you have not already done so, as directed by the Chairman from the July meeting, please have a list of three possible local public access projects and a regional project for discussion.

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

AGENDA

MIDDLE PENINSULA CHESAPEAKE BAY PUBLIC ACCESS AUTHORITY

August 8, 2003
Amended August 14, 2003

Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Middlesex County, Virginia

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of July minutes
3. Treasures Report
4. Public Comment
5. Update on a Coastal Program Land Purchase Opportunity (amended August 14)
6. National Parks Service- Chesapeake Bay Unit
7. Discussion of draft public access principles and standards (attached)
8. Discussion of locality submitted local and regional public access projects
 - a. Types of projects submitted
 - i. VDOT holdings
 - ii. County holdings
 - iii. Other holdings
 - b. Strategy discussion
 - i. VDOT discussion of property transfer
 - ii. Funding needs
9. Development of Annual Work Plan

10. Discussion of the potential for state funding support
11. Other Business
12. Chairman's Observations
13. Next Meeting
14. Adjourn

**Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority
Minutes
June 13, 2003**

The Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority held its first meeting in the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission Regional Board Room at noon in Saluda, Virginia, on June 13, 2003. Members present were Gary Allen, Essex County Administrator; Georgette Hurley, Gloucester County Assistant Administrator; Louise Theberge, Gloucester County Board of Supervisors; Ron Hachey, King and Queen County Administrator; Frank Pleva, King William County Administrator; Stephen Whiteway, Mathews County Administrator; and Claire Jones, Zoning Administrator of Town of West Point; and Anthony Romanello, Town Manager of West Point. MPPDC staff present were Lewis Lawrence, Director of Regional Planning; Dan Kavanagh, Executive Director; and Rose Lewis, Secretary.

Lewis welcomed everyone in attendance. Introductions were made around the Board table.

The History of the Public Access Authority-Lewis Lawrence, Director of Regional Planning, MPPDC

In 1998 and prior, member localities subjected to litigation focusing on many VDOT road endings. MPPDC Board of Commissioners directed staff to inventory apparent right-of-way public access sites. In 2000, the MPPDC Board of Commissioners directed staff to develop a strategy for managing and preserving public access and to seek enabling legislation for the formation of the MPCBPAA. Delegate Harvey Morgan agreed to sponsor legislation in 2001. The General Assembly approved House Bill 619 creating the institutional framework for Middle Peninsula local governments to address public access on a regional basis. In 2002, VDOT discussed a process for potential transfer of state owned road-ending point to the Access Authority once activated. In 2002, the MPPDC staff sought formal approval from member localities to activate the Access Authority.

Election of Officers

Lewis presented a Proposed Slate of Officers. Proposed Slate of officers are Chairman-Stephen Whiteway, Mathews County Administrator; Vice Chairman-Frank Pleva, King William County Administrator; and Secretary/Treasurer-Gary Allen, Essex County Administrator. Being no nominations, Lewis requested a motion to accept the proposed slate of officers. Ron Hachey moved to accept the proposed slate of officers as presented; Louise Theberge seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Whiteway conducted the meeting from this point on.