



MIDDLE PENINSULA CHESAPEAKE BAY PUBLIC ACCESS AUTHORITY

MEMORANDUM

TO: MPCPPAA
FROM: Lewie Lawrence, Dir of Regional Planning
DATE: December 7, 2004
RE: December PAA Meeting

This announcement serves as notice to call a meeting of the Public Access Authority on Friday, December 10, 2004 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the MPPDC Board Room. Lunch will be provided.

The agenda and related material follow. I have included a copy of the NOAA Fellowship application. NOAA has requested that the Authority prioritize work to be completed by the Fellow. Prioritization of work activities will assist with recruitment for the position. The October minutes will follow under a separate cover. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or e-mail. I can be reached at 804-758-2311

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of October minutes
3. Treasures Report
4. Public Comment
5. LOGO Design Award – February Meeting
6. Browne Tract-
 - a. Final Management Plan
 - b. Sign Installed
 - c. DOF Sign Not Installed
7. Land Acquisition CELP
8. Discussion of Middle Peninsula State Park
9. 2005 NOAA Coastal Management Fellowship Program
 - a. Prioritizing Work Items
 - b. Revised Scope of Work
 - c. Time Line
10. Other Business
11. Chairman's Observations
12. Next Meeting
13. Adjourn

MEMBERS

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Hon. Louise D. Theberge

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**MIDDLE PENINSULA CHESAPEAKE BAY PUBLIC ACCESS AUTHORITY
MINUTES**

**October 6, 2004
Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Saluda, Virginia**

1. Welcome and Introductions

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 October 6, 2004. Members present were Chairman, Stephen Whiteway, Treasurer, R. Gary Allen; Louise Theberge, Gloucester County Board of Supervisors; Ron Hachey, King and Queen County Administrator; and Trent Funkhouser, Town Manager of West Point. Also present were Dan Kavanagh, Executive Director MPPDC; Lewis Lawrence, Director of Regional Planning MPPDC; David Fuss, Program Director of Dragon Run Special Area Management Program MPPDC; and Josh Bateman, Regional Planner MPPDC.

Stephen Whiteway welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Election of Officers

It was the consensus of the Authority to re-elect the existing slate of officers.

3. Approval of August Minutes

Stephen Whiteway requested a motion to approve the August Minutes. Before approval of August Minutes, Ron Hachey suggested minor amendments to the Minutes. Gary Allen moved that the August Minutes be approved with amendments; Louise Theberge seconded the motion; motion carried.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed by Lewis Lawrence. The Authority has spent out Browne Tract dollars from DEQ grant. There is a balance from the BFI Fund of approximately \$35,000.

5. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

6. Town of West Point-Public Fishing-Bridge

Lewis said that Mayor Conklin of West Point would like to see a portion of the Pamunkey Bridge used as a public fishing pier. The mayor may look to the Authority for technical assistance.

Trent Funkhouser had a discussion with Billy Mills and staff from the Saluda VDOT concerning bridge abutments. New Kent is considering keeping a portion the abutment. King and Queen is not considering the abutment. Ron Hachey said that King and Queen County is not sure they want to because of a maintenance issue. VHB is doing a concept plan regarding boat launch, wetlands, interpretative trail near the abutment.

Trent Funkhouser spoke regarding liability of over water structure (old bridge) for fishing, concern about end of old road-just dead ending where there is no other structure or turnaround. Trent will discuss with Mayor Conklin and the Town Council, but does not have any funding or plan for it. There is a concern about attracting too many out-of-state visitors.

There was a discussion held regard preservation of bridge structure (pros and cons) regarding high value property once bridge is removed and merits of PAA pursuing access points up to first abutments.

Localities if interested will pursue up to first abutments and then bring back to the PAA for recommendations or possible management consideration. This discussion should continue at the next few Authority meetings

7. State Park Discussion

Lewis said that Debi Osborne, Trust for Public Lands has not found any new sites. No report from Mathews County landowner who resides in Europe—he is not responding to communications sent from Mathews County. One suggested strategy could be for Harvey Morgan to sponsor legislation to the General Assembly to direct DCR to consider smaller sites. Eagle Point is not interested anymore.

8. Brown Tract Management Plan and (#9 on agenda) Brown Tract Division

Survey to split property has been completed. The Attorneys General Office is reviewing the draft deed to gift a portion of Brown to the Department of Forestry. Grant close out will be complete when the Browne Tract Management Plan has been submitted to the Coastal Program at DEQ along with a posting of a sign on site.

9. CELP Acquisition

Lewis reported the following concerning CELP funds:

- \$1M earmark for acquisition of land in Dragon Run

- \$ split between DOF, DGIF, PAA

- meeting with Bob Foster regarding US17 parcel in Gloucester

 - bridge along US 17 north will be elevated in three years- changes access slope