

AGENDA

MIDDLE PENINSULA CHESAPEAKE BAY PUBLIC ACCESS AUTHORITY

February 13, 2004
Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission
Middlesex County, Virginia

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes
3. Treasure Report
4. Public Comment
5. Delegate Morgan's Budget Amendment
6. Work Plan Development- \$10,000 Coastal Program Reprogrammed funding support
7. CELP (Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program) \$1,000,000 Dragon Funding-
Federal Earmark-Public Access
8. New Point Project Update
9. Brown Tract Management Plan Meeting
10. Middle Peninsula Land Trust- Mathews County fee simple land
11. Gloucester County Public Access funding assistance
12. Logo Development
13. Other Business
14. Next Meeting
15. Adjourn

**Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority
Minutes
December 12, 2003**

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 December 12, 2003. Members present were Chairman Stephen Whiteway, Mathews County Administrator; Lewis Lawrence, Director of Regional Planning MPPDC; Louise Theberge, Gloucester County Board of Supervisors; Ronald Hachey, King and Queen County Administrator; Claire Jones, Zoning Administrator of Town of West Point; Dan Kavanagh, Executive Director MPPDC; David Fuss, Program Director of Dragon Run Specialized Area Management Plan; Julie Bixby, Virginia Coastal Program; Gary Allen, Essex County Administrator; Terri Hale, King William County Assistant Administrator; and Rose Lewis, Secretary MPPDC.

Chairman Whiteway welcomed everyone in attendance.

Chairman Whiteway requested a motion to approve the August Minutes. Before approving the Minutes, Ronald Hachey requested that more detailed information regarding Lewis' visit with Mr. Robbie Walton of King and Queen County be updated to the Authority verbally. Lewis commented that Mr. Walton was interested in buying property from VDOT. Lewis will make changes to the August minutes to reflect the discussion with Mr. Walton. Louise Theberge moved that the August Minutes be approved; Terri Hale seconded the motion; motion carried.

Chairman Whiteway requested Lewis to review the December Financial Report. Several contracts are opened and several are closed. The administrative service grant closed in October and is not reflected on the December Financial Report. On the Brown Tract purchase, two grants opened with \$392,000 for the purchase of Brown, survey, legal fees, signage, development of the management plan, etc.

A question and answer period followed. Ron Hachey inquired about the structure of the management plan of the Public Access Authority.

There were no Public Comments.

Update on A Coastal Program Land Purchase "Brown Tract" – Lewis Lawrence, Dir. Of Regional Planning, MPPDC

There are 274 acres of land on the Brown Tract. The Brown Tract is two tracts of land located in parts of Essex County and upper King and Queen County. As terms of the VA Coastal Program Brown tract-funding contract instructs, after surveying of the whole tract, the Department of Forestry and the Public Access Authority will each take approximately 50% ownership of the Brown Tract.

Lewis commented that the Friends of the Dragon Run have expressed interest in acting as stewards of the Brown Tract.

Discussion of BFI Grant Award to the Access Authority

\$37,500 was received from the BFI through the Middle Peninsula Land Trust to build a walkway and expand parking at the Brown Tract.

Chairman Whiteway described a concept for the development of a management plan for the Brown tract and a conceptual planning process. Chairman Whiteway suggested that a sub-committee be formed to work with the staff on the development of a management plan. Gary Allen, Essex County Administrator, and Ron Hachey, King and Queen County Administrator, were appointed by Chairman Whiteway to work with the MPPDC staff. Mr. Hachey wanted to know if a Department of Forestry representative will be included and Lewis said yes, all stakeholders would have a seat at the table. A management team meeting could be scheduled in January or February 2004.

Discussion of the Potential for State Funding Support

Delegate Harvey Morgan supported the enabling legislation creating the Access Authority and will be entering a budget amendment to provide funding for parting or full time staff support for the Authority. Budget amendment could range from \$50,000 to \$200,000 for up to two years of funding for indirect and direct expenditures.

Chairman Whiteway requested a motion to prepare a letter of support in the form of a resolution for Delegate Harvey Morgan's budget amendment if needed by Delegate Morgan. Louise Theberge moved to prepare a resolution; Ron Hachey seconded the motion; motion carried.

Other Business

Gary Allen, Essex County Administrator, reported that Hurricane Isabel destroyed the June Park Marina. The CORE of Engineers are going to exploring the possibility of dredging the channel to the marina. May ask the MPCBPAA to take over project in the next few months.

Clare Jones, Zoning Administrator-Town of West Point, reported that the hurricane destroyed the River Restaurant and chairs were found all over the Town at residences.

Ron Hachey, King and Queen County Administrator, the Brown Tract project received a lot of attention by the Access Authority and hopefully by the summer, more sites will be looked at by the PAA.

Dan Kavanagh, Executive Director of MPPDC, said that Urbanna is purchasing Jamison Marina and the remaining restaurant building. Plans are made to build a public facility with slips on that spot.

Ron Hachey, King and Queen County Administrator, asked Chairman Whiteway and Lewis did they think it would be feasible to extend an invitation to consider joining the PAA to the Towns of Urbanna and Middlesex again. Both Chairman Whiteway and Lewis agreed that it would be worth a try.

Chairman Whiteway said that Mathews County had a total of eight public dock and piers destroyed during hurricane Isabel. They will probably not be rebuilt until April because the contractors have so much work ahead of them and because of the winter. Mathews County also closed on a 40-acre beachfront property called North Haven Beach on the Chesapeake Bay. Plans