

WICOMICO SCENIC RIVER COMMISSION

Appointed to represent the interests of the Wicomico Scenic River and its tributaries
in Charles and St. Mary's Counties

Minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2008

Members Present: _____ Members Absent: _____ Guests: _____

Bill Montgomery, Chairman
Bob Denning, Vice Chair
Barbara Hays, Treasurer
George Lancaster
Valerie Nyce
G. Wade Compton
Bob Elwood
Sue Veith
Aimee Dailey

Dennis Bridgett

The meeting was held at the Veteran's Home in Charlotte Hall, Maryland. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Montgomery.

Reading/Approval of the Previous Minutes

Motion was made by Ms. Hays, seconded by Mr. Denning to approval the minutes of September 24, 2007. All in favor, motion carried.

Officers Reports

a. Chairman—

1. Mr. Montgomery announced that the St. Marys College Environmental Fair will be on January 31, 2008 from 10a.m. to 3p.m. Discussion ensued regarding if the Commission should have their display set-up for this event.
2. Confirmation was requested that the FY09 budget application had been submitted. Staff confirmed that a request had been made.
3. Mr. Montgomery provided that Stream Waders training will be locally on February 16, 2008. Discussion ensued regarding whether anyone on the Commission would like to attend.

b. Vice Chairman

1. No report.

c. Treasurer

1. Ms. Hays announced that there is currently \$2,899.32 left in the account.
2. Ms. Hays, along with Mr. Elwood, gave a summary on the recent Water Quality Monitoring Conference.

County Staff Reports

a. Charles County

1. No report.

b. St. Mary's County

1. Ms. Veith mentioned partnership with Charles County Waste Water Treatment Plant for water testing. Possible to conducted voluntary sampling and have the WWTP do the testing, for more immediate results.

Reports of Standing Committees:

1. None.

Correspondence:

1. None.

Old Business

1. Management Plan. The Commission deferred discussion of the Management Plan to the January 28, 2008 meeting.
2. Adopt-A-Highway Program. Ms. Dailey provided that the contracts are in place and the Commission can begin their trash pick-up efforts. The Commission deferred a decision on the next date until the January 28, 2008 meeting.

New Business:

1. None.

Program/Presentations:

1. Richard Pelz, CEO of the Circle C Oyster Ranchers Association at St. Jerome's Creek. The presentation was held at 6:30p.m., prior to the meeting. During the meeting the Commission discussed how to proceed with the information they have acquired. Some suggestions included
 - a) updating the posterboard to encourage oyster farming
 - b) sending a letter to waterfront property owners to educate on the possibilities of oyster farming. Mr. Elwood volunteered to come up with the text of the letter and research the requirements in each County.

The next meeting is to be held January 28, 2008.