

# 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 May 22, 2006

<u>Members Present:</u>	<u>Members Absent:</u>	<u>Guests:</u>
Dennis Bridgett, Chairman	G. Wade Compton	
Bill Montgomery, Vice Chair	Walter Saunders	
Barbara Hays, Treasurer	George Lancaster	
Valerie Nyce	Sue Veith	
Kathie Reich		
Bob Denning		
Aimee Dailey		

The meeting was held at the Veteran's Home in Charlotte Hall, Maryland. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bridgett at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Ms. Hays, seconded by Ms. Reich, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

### Officers Reports

- a. Chairman--None
- b. Vice Chairman----None
- c. Treasurer
  - i. Discussion ensued regarding the ongoing attempt to establish a checking account for the Commission. Ms. Dailey reported that the previous treasurer is anxious to write a check to pass on the Commissions funds. Ms. Hays requested that the check be provided to her and she would establish and account. Ms. Dailey indicated that she would provide a consent letter for Ms. Hays to provide to the bank, acknowledging her authority to act on behalf of the Commission.
  - ii. Regarding the St. Mary's budget request: Ms. Dailey informed the Commission that the status of this request is unknown. Mr. Denning indicated he would follow-up on this issue with Ms. Veith of St. Mary's County.
  - iii. Regarding Charles County FY06 funds. Ms. Dailey reported that these funds have been expended on the video production.

### County Staff Reports

- a. Charles County
  1. Mirant Fly Ash Management Facility--The Commission was informed that the renewal of the special exception was approved on March 28<sup>th</sup>, for a three year limit.
  2. Swan Point--Ms. Dailey provided an update on this development and informed the Commission that a work session has been scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> with the County Commissioners to discuss this request.
- b. St. Mary's County
  1. None.

Reports of Standing Committees: None

Reports of Special or Ad Hoc Committees: None

Correspondence: Ms. Dailey passed out correspondence received from Mirant summarizing their

yearly accomplishments with regard to outreach and environmental accomplishments.

#### Old Business

1. Video: Ms. Nyce brought a draft of the video for the Commission to view. Suggestions were made for small improvements. Overall, the Commission was pleased with the outcome. Ms. Nyce clarified that this is a draft version. A discussion ensued regarding how many copies of the video the Commission would want to purchase. Questions arose as to how much the copies will be and where they should be distributed. Some suggestions include: elementary schools and local libraries.

2. Study and Management Plan: The Commission entered into a discussion as to where they should focus their efforts. Questions arose as to which of the Green Book recommendations are feasible, based upon their collective level of expertise. Ms. Dailey offered that she would contact Ms. Veith to obtain her direction regarding which recommendations are feasible for St. Mary's County. Several members expressed concern that the recent focus upon discussing the Green Book is discouraging and time consuming. The Commission expressed interest in the following activities/areas of focus:

- \*increasing/emphasizing school involvement and outreach;
- \*setting up a point of interest, such as a scenic outlook;
- \*soliciting the involvement of local scout troops in the work of the Commission;
- \*learning more about the John Smith water trail proposed for 2007 and seeing about participating in this process;
- \*learning more TDRs and the agricultural preservation programs available;
- \*learning more about programs available to assist individual property owners with failing septic systems in the upgrading of their systems.

New Business: None.

#### Programs/Presentations

1. Wicomico Scenic River Video Debut—discussed during Old Business

The next meeting is to be held June 26, 2006.