

CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS

Citizens' Advisory Committee Meeting Notes

College of Marine Studies
University of Delaware
Lewes, DE

June 9, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members Present	Vicky Mertes
Buzz Henifin (Chair)	Graham Purchase
June Connor	Linda Rogers, RSVP
Joe DeMul	Rachael Swick
Jim Elliott	Peter Tiberi
Muns Farestad	Helen Truitt
Betsy Henifin	April Willey, RSVP
Lloyd Hughes	Ron Wuslich
Lynn Jankus	Center for the Inland Bays Staff
Martha Keller	Jim Alderman
Ken Keller	Eric Buehl

MINUTES:

Welcome

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairman Buzz Henifin started the meeting at 3:38 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sussex County RSVP Program

Linda Rogers and April Willey of the Sussex County Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) gave a brief presentation about the goals of the program and advantages of joining and volunteering time at various locations across the County. The James Farm is one of RSVP's volunteer sites.

Center for the Inland Bays' Program Updates

Jim Alderman, Restoration Coordinator, and Eric Buehl, Habitat Coordinator, gave updates on the Center for the Inland Bays' (CIB) Indian River Inlet facility; recent CIB activities including a native plant sale, the TERP Program to reduce Terrapin mortality along Route 1, and the Millsboro Pond Eelway; and a presentation on the recently constructed freshwater wetland at the James Farm.

CAC Officers & the Preparation of Resolutions for the CIB Board

Buzz Henifin stated that the Board of Directors would be putting a Nominating Committee together at its June meeting, and he hoped to have names of potential CAC officers by July or August to recommend to the Nominating Committee. Those that checked the box to serve as a CAC officer on their CAC Membership Application included Bobby Collins, Lynn Jankus, Muns Farestad, Lloyd Hughes, Glen Urquhart, Andrew Auwerda, and April Willey. Buzz stated that he would like to recommend Bobby Collins to the Nominating Committee as CAC Chair. He said that Bobby was active with CAC and the Tributary Action Teams, and recently received the Center's "Friend of the Bays" Award. Muns Farestad asked that Buzz stay on a little while longer, until CAC reorganization was complete.

Old Business

Buzz briefly reviewed the April 28 Meeting Notes, and followed up on two issues raised during the last CAC meeting. Regarding advocacy, Buzz said he will ask the Board for authorization to get another legal opinion on the issue of CAC and advocacy. As to the question of whether the Board could respond quickly enough to issues brought to it by the CAC, Buzz felt that the Board could respond in a timely manner, and has done so in the past. Buzz also urged everyone to become a "Friend of the Bay," the Center's membership program.

New Business

Buzz reminded everyone of the next Board meeting date, time, and location, and the Governor's Wade-In Event at Towers Road-Bayside. He also mentioned the Oyster Gardener briefings on June 28 and June 30. Buzz then briefly reviewed the Center's research and demonstration projects it was planning to fund in the coming fiscal year. There were questions about who was doing the research, water quality in the Little Assawoman and Indian River Bays, and would it be possible to get presentations on various topics like the Tributary Action Teams did? One recommendation was on DNA fingerprinting of various pollution sources. There were other questions about meeting minutes, CIB staff support for CAC, and are CAC members allowed to address the Board when an issue is brought to them at their Board meetings? Buzz replied that Eric Buehl had been taking meeting minutes for some time, that staff support of the CAC has been good, and there was an opportunity to address the Board at any time during their public comment period at the end of each meeting.

Next Meeting

The date and location for the next meeting will be set after the Board of Directors sets the date for their next meeting.

Adjournment

At 5:40 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.