

# CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS

## **Citizens' Advisory Committee** DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Center for the Inland Bays Indian River Inlet Facility  
Rehoboth Beach, DE  
June 24, 2009

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>CAC Members Present</b>	Barbara Lifflander
Ron Wuslich, Chair	Helen Truitt
Dr. Robert Adams	David Truitt
John Austin	<b>Members of the General Public</b>
Bob Collins	Michael Bott
Steve Callanen	Joan Deaver, Sussex County Council
Bob Gallagher	Scott Hanna
Harry Haon	Leah Hoenen
Pete Keenan	Dr. Katharine Bunting-Howarth, DNREC
Martha Keller	Dr. Sergio Huerta, DNREC
Carl Mantegna	Bill Moyer
Vicky Mertes	Crystal Wright
Doug Parham	Bill Zak
Graham Purchase	<b>Center for the Inland Bays Board</b>
Shirley Price	Joanne Cabry, CIB Board Member
Cheryl Rehrig	<b>Center for the Inland Bays Staff</b>
Todd Smallwood	Ed Lewandowski
Barbara Sorgeler	Chris Bason
<b>CAC Alternates Present</b>	Sally Boswell
None	Eric Buehl
<b>CAC Members Not In Attendance</b>	E.J. Chalabala
Valerie Cloutier	Susan Mitchell
Bob Cubbison	

### **MINUTES:**

#### **Welcome and Introductions**

Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Chairman Ron Wuslich called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions.

#### **Treasurer's and Secretary's Reports**

Martha Keller asked if there were any corrections to the April 28, 2009 meeting minutes. Being none, Harry Haon motioned and Robert Adams seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Old Business**

Ron Wuslich reported that DNREC's presentation from the April 28, 2009 meeting is available on the Sussex Green website. He also said the CAC Diversity Plan had been submitted to the Board of Directors' Executive Committee on June 18. Ron also updated those present on the amended version of HCR 7 on once-thru cooling and the resolution's specific requirements. Following this, Ron then introduced the newest CAC members and gave a little biographical information on each one.

### **Indian River High School Environmental Club Presentation**

Crystal Wright, Indian River High School student, and Cheryl Rehrig, teacher at Indian River High School, gave a presentation on what the club does at the high school, including a schoolyard wetland, a recycling program, the beach clean-up, the horseshoe crab count, and beachgrass planting. There was a brief question and answer session following Crystal's presentation.

### **Fenwick Island Stormwater Management Plan**

Todd Smallwood, Vice-Mayor of Fenwick Island and CAC member, gave a presentation on what the Town of Fenwick Island was doing to reduce stormwater and nutrient inputs into Little Assawoman Bay. They are working closely with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) to remove point source discharges and increase infiltration. This is being accomplished by trying to reduce the use of impervious surfaces for new homes, increase the amount of open areas for infiltration behind commercial sites, and by trying to eliminate pipes that drain through bulkheads. There was a brief question and answer session following Todd's presentation.

### **Joan Deaver, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, Sussex County Council**

Joan spoke about her desire for state and county government to work together better. She stressed the need for adequate infrastructure before developments can be done and also commented on the number of ordinances the county still needs to pass. She updated those present on the status of the Inland Bays Wastewater Treatment Facility and said that Rick Kautz, the county's certified planner, has retired and a replacement is needed. Joan referenced the Delmarva Atlantic Watershed Network (DAWN) build-out report that indicated the potential for 1 million homes based on current zoning. In closing, Joan urged those present to find out how the other County Council members feel about land use, buffers, and the Pollution Control Strategy lawsuit.

### **CAC Plans for the Remainder of 2009**

With six months left in the year, Ron broke those in attendance into three groups and asked that they get together and come up with two or three ideas of what they would like the CAC to focus on for the remainder of the year. Following are the suggestions from the three groups:

#### **Group 1 (reported by Martha Keller)**

1. Clean up the coal ash piles at the Indian River Power Plant by best scientific method currently available ASAP.
2. The TMDLs (Total Maximum Daily Loads) of nutrient/bacteria for Inland Bays to make them swimmable/ fishable have been established but require compulsory rather than voluntary compliance.

3. The CIB's annual report to the EPA concerning progress on the mandates stipulated in the CCMP for clean inland bays should be placed on the website and referenced by staff and CAC members to determine future focus.

Group 2 (reported by Bob Collins)

1. Sussex County Council lawsuit regarding buffers.
2. Nutrient and stormwater issues.
3. Lack of certified land use planner at the County.

Group 3 (reported by Harry Haon)

1. Educate State legislators on the status of water quality in the bays vs. EPA minimum standards.
2. Continue advocacy with DNREC and the General Assembly to require cooling technology which significantly reduces fish kills.
3. Propose to the CIB Board that they reconsider their previous position of neutrality regarding DNREC's authority to pass regulations to improve the quality of the bays.
4. Suggest to DNREC that they expand their testing program for coal ash pollution to more samples at more sites.

**New Business**

The CAC Nominating Committee, chaired by Bob Gallagher, recommended the following slate of candidates for the following offices: for Chair, Ron Wuslich; for Vice-Chair, Harry Haon; and for Secretary-Treasurer, Martha Keller. Bob Collins motioned and Robert Adams seconded the motion to approve the report and recommendation of the Nominating Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Following this, there was a brief discussion about the necessary steps to conduct the election of CAC officers. Bob Collins motioned and Robert Adams seconded the motion to hold the election of CAC officers at the next regularly scheduled CAC meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Also under New Business, Bill Moyer agreed to provide Ron Wuslich with information about the Clean Water Act and wetland jurisdiction that would be distributed to CAC members.

**Next Meeting**

The next CAC meeting will be before the September Board of Directors' meeting with the date to be announced at a later time.

**Adjournment**

At 6:26 p.m. Robert Adams motioned and Graham Purchase seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully reviewed and submitted,

Ron Wuslich, Chair  
RW/ehb