



*Land Use and Access Committee Meeting Summary
May 21, 2014, 1:35 pm
NCWRC, 5th Floor Commission Room*

Meeting Attendees

• **Committee Members:**

Tom Berry, Chair
Joe Barker
Richard Edwards

John Coley
Tommy Fonville

• **Commissioners:**

Jim Cogdell
Mark Craig
Brian White
Wes Seegars

David Hoyle, Jr.
Joe Budd
Neal Hanks
John Litton Clark

• **Staff:**

Gordon Myers
Isaac Harrold
Kyle Briggs
Mark Hamlett
Shannon Deaton
Kate Pipkin

Betsy Haywood
David Cobb
Bob Curry
Erik Christofferson
George Norris
Tommy Clark

• **Guests:**

Henri McClees, NC Sporting Dog Assn.
Joe McClees, NC Sporting Dog Assn.

David Keeley, State Property Office

Tom Berry, Land Use and Access Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

ACQUISITIONS DISCUSSION

Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*, presented an overview of nine Phase I properties in **Exhibits E-1 through E-9** with recommendations to be presented to the entire Commission:

- Watson-Old Man's Bog Tract – Alleghany County
- Blue Ridge Conservancy Tracts – Ashe County
- Shelton Tract – Buncombe County
- Bear Creek Tract – Buncombe County
- Eastwood Tract – Madison County
- Lappohn Tracts – Swain County
- Blackburn Tract – Wilkes County
- North River Associates Sedel Tract – Camden County
- White Spring Tract – Brunswick County

Concern was noted about the price of \$20,000 per acre for the Shelton Tract. The committee recommends tabling consideration of the Shelton Tract and obtaining a second appraisal. The LUAC will reconsider that property.

Discussion was held about the Lappohn Tracts in Swain County. The committee recommends tabling for further analysis – whether there is a hunting need, how many people use the Needmore Game Land, protection of the land for wildlife.

The Land Use and Access Committee plans to hold a separate meeting with the State Property Office.

Harrold then presented one Phase II property in **Exhibit F**, Stanley's Landing Public Fishing Area on the North Toe River in Yancey County, with a recommendation to be presented to the entire Commission on May 22, 2014.

PROPERTY MATTERS

Easement Request, Bladen County – the committee will recommend approval of an easement request across a portion of the Tar Heel Boating Access Area, without expense to the WRC, for the purpose of accessing private property.

Easement Request, Caswell County – the committee will recommend approval of an easement request across a portion of the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land for the purpose of accessing private property.

Easement Request, Wilkes County – the committee will recommend approval of an easement request from Surry-Yadkin Electrical Membership Corporation across a portion of Thurmond Chatham Game Land for the purpose of relocating an existing power transmission line.

Easement Acquisition, Haywood County – the committee will recommend approval of a staff request to acquire temporary and permanent easements to facilitate an access improvement project on Cold Mountain Game Land in Haywood County.

Property Interest/Easement Exchange, Currituck County – the committee will recommend approval of a staff request to exchange undivided property interest in Currituck County for a deeded access easement across the subject property.

Chairman Berry asked that staff include stewardship costs on Phase I properties.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Tom Berry adjourned the committee meeting at 3:07 pm.