



Coastal Advisory Council
January 17, 2018, Coastal Regional Headquarters
Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions:

CRD's new director Doug Haymans gave the welcome and highlighted the year for the GCMP's 20th anniversary and its impact. \$20 million in 20 years and over \$45 million leveraged through CIG's. Director Haymans also reminded the council of its advisory role and asked everyone to keep that focus.

Chairman Joe E Slaughter was not able to attend due to Atlanta inclement weather so the meeting was run by vice chair Ashby Nix-Worley.

Ashby made the announcement that CRD staff Sonny Emmert has resigned after over 10 years with the Department. She also mentioned that staff Kelly Hill was out on maternity leave.

Old Business:

Meeting Summary

There were no comments or edits to the fall meeting summary.

Committee Reports

Stacia Hendricks reported out for the Communications Committee. Stacia reported that they have submitted a proposed mission statement. There is still a need for others to join the committee.

Charlie Phillips reported out for the Maritime committee. He has been working with CRD staff (Dominic Guadagnoli) and MAREX staff (Tom Bliss) on the Blueprint update and are looking at a time table. Dorset questioned seed import and Charlie stated that there was no change on clams only import oysters.

There was no report for the Legislative Committee.

Ashby advised the Council that there are committee guidelines and to please review and provide any feedback.

Christi Lambert asked if the expert list for Shore Protection Act had been forwarded up to the DNR Board and staff confirmed that it had been provided to Commissioner Williams.

New Business:

2018 Legislative Priorities

Jill Andrews reported that she and Director Haymans were in Atlanta last week for Wild Georgia Day formally known as Coastal and Sportsman's Day at the Capitol. It was stated the chair of the Senate Natural Resource Committee has changed from Frank Ginn to Tyler Harper. Staff is working to get Senator Harper updated on proposed Shoreline Protection Act changes upon request, but since the legislation is still active, we are not able to reach out to legislature. Ms. Andrews stated that CRD expects to see something this year in session, but we just aren't sure what it will look like. In general, people are not in favor of the current proposed changes and need more education regarding the SPA. Paul Wolff asked if the CAC could send a letter and reach out to the new chair. Ms. Andrews reminded the CAC that individuals are allowed to send letters, but not on behalf of the CAC.

Charles McMillian mentioned that the oil and gas ban has been lifted and BOEM is working on a new plan that includes the South Atlantic. Ms. Andrews stated that we have not received any notifications as of yet.

Marci Culley asked if the CAC had read the Savannah Morning News article regarding the Moody report and how it provides information on the economic impact of climate change on our coastal communities. The article will be discussed in the Legislative Committee setting.

Presentations:

Jan Mackinnon introduced guest speaker Lea King-Badyna, a former employee of DNR's Georgia Coastal Management Program and current Executive Director of Keep Golden Isles Beautiful.

Announcements:

Stefanie Nagid presented on the CIG pre-proposal application, review and next steps.

Paul Wolf made an announcement that Tybee Island had written a petition on the opposition of offshore drilling if anyone wanted to sign or follow suit.

Ms. Mackinnon announced the beginning of the GCMP's 20th Anniversary and some of the next steps going forward with a year-long celebration. Jennifer Kline reviewed some of the events scheduled through the year and solicited input from CAC members on other potential ongoing occasions where we may join in and present our program highlights. CAC members offered up the following suggestions:

- Blessing of the Fleet (Brunswick and McIntosh)
- Shrimp and Grits festival
- Academic Institutions where available opportunities exist
- Woodbine Crawfish Festival
- TNC board meeting presentations
- Georgia Environmental Conference
- Regional Commission scheduled meetings

There were no other announcements from the membership or staff and the meeting was adjourned.