



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes of the 1st Quarter January 28, 2020 Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee Meeting, Goldsboro City Hall, 200 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, NC

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Frank Bottorff, Chair
Scott LaFevers
Paul Friday
Stan Walz (by phone)

NOT IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Chuck Allen

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES:

Ron Massey, City of Jacksonville (by phone)
Dewitt Hardee, Department of Agriculture (by phone)
Will Best, Department of Commerce
Marc Finlayson, ACT
Bryan Ayers, MCI-East
Jamie Norment, ACT
Dennis Goodson, Deputy Cmdr, 4CES SJAFB
Gregg Fambrough, Deputy Director, 4MSG SJAFB
Kelly Jackson, DMVA

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME REMARKS: CHAIRMAN FRANK BOTTORFF

Chairman Frank Bottorff called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. He took a roll call of the attendees at the meeting. There was a quorum with 4 of the 5 members in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA AND MINUTES:

Chairman Frank Bottorff said that he wanted to approve the consent agenda and draft minutes. Paul Friday made a motion to approve, seconded by Dr. Scott LaFevers. Chairman Bottorff asked if there was any discussion on the minutes and there were none. The consent agenda and draft minutes passed by unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (DMVA) UPDATE: KELLY JACKSON

Kelly Jackson gave an update for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA). The department will be hosting Military Spouse and Family Expo at Fort Bragg on January 30, 2020. This event is in collaboration with the USO, NC State agencies, Fort Bragg Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR), and Army Community Service (ACS). This event is to inform the military spouses and their families about services provided by State agencies. The First Lady Kirsten Cooper will be attending the event with Secretary Larry Hall. This event will also be held at Camp Lejeune and other installations in the future.

GRANT STAUS: FRANK BOTTORFF

Chairman Bottorff said that the current grants have 2 awardees, the City of Jacksonville for monitoring well for the aquifers and Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT) for military overlay districts. Marc Finlayson gave an update for ACT. This is one of the implementation items from the Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The Planning committee, which is one of ACT's standing committees has taken the lead

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And is working through with the consultant on the military influence overlays district project. They met about 3 weeks ago and a team has been assigned to make the last suggested changes to the documents provided to us by the consultant. He thinks they are probably within 60 days of getting a resolution on that project. That is our goal.

Chairman Bottorff said that the City of Jacksonville has the other grant on monitoring wells for the Aquifers. That is also on going and they will be wrapping that up in the near future. Both of these grants have gone well.

Paul Friday gave an update on the Cluster Study. Research Triangle Institute (RTI) has finished the fourth and final phase of the study. RTI has volunteered to internally fund the look, feel and graphics of the final document. We have the report but before it is released we want to ensure that it looks highly professional. He anticipates it will be ready for publication in a month. He asked Will Best, Department of Commerce, if he had a few minutes at the end of the meeting. We want all this information to get out to all of the economic developers. They're in the process of putting together a matrix for organizing the rollout with the other partners on this project. They are looking at the best way to roll this product out Statewide. We're off and running and they don't think anything in the findings is going to be much different than what was reported the last time. They appreciate all of the hard work from all of the partners. Chairman Bottorff said that with this document coming to completion, we should probably put together an informal subcommittee that includes the regional organizations plus the committee of one hundred for the appropriate counties that represent the installations. Paul Friday said that one of the things he was going to talk to Will Best about was if the Economic Development Partnership for NC (EDPNC) could produce the marketing materials along with the Economic Development Association to include all of the Regional Economic Developers and the local counties. Kelly Jackson asked Paul Friday if he was waiting on a response from David Hayden before the final invoice was sent in and Paul Friday said yes. Paul Friday had talked to David Hayden and he would review the document this week. Paul Friday said that he did want to make sure that everyone understood that this was different from the last time this study was done. Last time there was no expectation of execution. The latest version does not explicitly fund execution, it does lay out what fundamentals they need to be delivered to move forward.

Kelly Jackson gave an update on the new Community Grant guidelines. The members had a copy of the new Community Grant guidelines that will be sent out at the beginning of February 2020. The Community Grant program is to fund grants to local communities and military installations for projects designed to strengthen the State's posture when the Department of Defense (DoD) reviews. Projects can be leveraged to promote, preserve, or enhance military missions and installations in NC. The authorized amount of \$225,000 is the combined total for all grants that could be awarded. The grant application will be posted on the DMVA website under NCMAC and then sent out to Mayors and City Managers for the following cities: Fayetteville, Jacksonville, Goldsboro, Havelock and Elizabeth City. They will also be sent out to all of the NCMAC members. There is a timeline in the applications the must be followed. Scott LaFevers asked if the \$225,000 authorized was used last year. Chairman Bottorff said that within the budget cycle, last time we were authorized to spend \$200,000 and that has been increased to \$225,000. It can only be used once during the budget cycle. We can divide that \$225,000 up however we want to. So that could be used for 1 grant or 5 grants not to exceed \$225,000. That is

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spelled out in the legislation. The intent is enhancing their viability in their areas. We are focused on military areas with this funding. The last time it went to a Cherry Point and Camp Lejeune effort. When Kelly Jackson sends out the grant application and guidelines, Frank Bottorff will send something with that email to ensure that the NCMAC members and city personnel get this information to the appropriate people or organizations. This is for advocacy. It should not go for administrative costs of an advocacy team but specific efforts to enhance something. Scott LaFever asked if this was an annual recurring item? Chairman Bottorff said that the NCMAC funding is not recurring but in the last 2 budget cycles or 4 years they have given us money that we could use for the grant program. Will Best said that there is no limitation on the number of grants that you approve as long as you don't exceed \$225,000, is that correct. Chairman Bottorff said that was correct. Kelly Jackson said that there will also be a grant manager from the Department of Administration (DOA) that will administer the grants when they are approved. Chairman Bottorff said that the grant manager ensures that the grants are done in accordance with State laws and regulations.

Scott LaFever asked if once a grant is awarded and after a year is there any follow up to see the goodness of that grant? Chairman Bottorff said that through the grant process the awardee updates the NCMAC quarterly on their progress. We have not gotten any information after a project has been completed since the 2 grants that are ongoing was the first 2 grants that the NCMAC has done. He thinks that could depend on the type of the grant. The grant for Jacksonville, they funded 2 aquifer testing wells. They are not to get water but to test the water. The concern on post is that there has been a lot more pressure on aquifer which goes down to Camp Lejeune and past Cherry Point to the north. Whether the pressure on it would reduce the levels on the aquifer and cause saltwater intrusion. That could have a significant impact on the installations. That is part of the much broader county installation and city program. They have approximately 36 -40 testing wells to monitor that aquifer. Will Best said that with Commerce, there are minimum requirements. So, with the state there is probably a close out visit required. Chairman Bottorff said that as part of the grant, once it has been closed out he does not know of any future requirement.

Chairman Bottorff talked about the Lobbying Contract, with Cassidy and Associates. We are approaching the 1 year mark on that contract. The contract was for 1 year with the option to review for 2 additional 1 year periods. What we need to do is to take action to extend the contract for another year. Chairman Bottorff said that he thinks the Commission is getting their money's worth from Cassidy & Associates. We may want to work more with them this next year to ensure they are doing what the Commission wants them to do. He said that he would recommend that the Commission extends this contract for another year. He asked if anyone else had any comments about extending the contract? Paul Friday said that he has been involved routinely with them and each time he has received a prompt response from them. Chairman Bottorff said that they had taken the initiative with conducting Installation visits and have been proactive. He will take it to the Executive Steering Group (ESG) meeting in February and recommend that we go forward with extending this contract for an additional year.

BUDGET/LOBBING/BY-LAWS: FRANK BOTTORFF

Chairman Bottorff gave an update on the budget to committee members. He first started with the approved budget for 2019-2020. He told the members that for the budget, the NCMAC requests \$2 million for a 2 year period. So, we request \$1 million each year. That is what we have received for the

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past couple of years. Because of a gap in some of our programs such as not having a lobbying contract for the past year, we currently have a fund balance of \$1,677,299. The budget that we approved for this year is \$1,406,500. Some of that is one time only expenditures such as the Cluster Analysis but other items are recurring such as administrative, NC4ME, Lobbying contract, EDPNC, Sentinel Landscape and others. We did not get any funding this year, but we did have our carry forward of \$1,677,299.75. If we expend the budget that we approved, which he doesn't believe that we will since we had \$200K for a Marketing/STRATCOM and don't have a contract for that at this time, He thinks that we may have more than \$250K left. If we don't get another State budget approved, the reality is that we will have to review the recurring items for the next year because those recurring costs are over \$350K. We will need to review and prioritize our expenditures. We can't spend money we don't have. We will discuss this at the ESG and then again at the NCMAC.

Appropriation:	2019-2020 Budget
Brought Forward:	\$ 1,667,299.75
Administration:	40,000
Conferences:	40,000
Lobbying Contract:	331,500
Minor contracted services:	15,000
Marketing/STRATCOM:	200,000
Other Stabilization Initiatives:	95,000
Cluster Analysis:	150,000
NC4ME:	40,000
MOU/EDPNC:	120,000
MOU/Sentinel Landscape:	150,000
Community Grants:	225,000
Annual Total:	\$ 1,406,500

Chairman Bottorff said that the expenditures are in accordance with the NCMAC's approved budget.

Expenditures 2019-2020

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Spent:</u>
Cassidy and Associates (Lobbying Service)	\$ 178,500 (July – January)
Dr. Kathy Sturgis (Facilitator Svc)	\$ 4,640 (August – September)
EDPNC	\$ 90,000 (July- January)
NC Military Foundation (Cluster Analysis)	\$ 120,149 (July- January)
Temporary Solutions (Stipend)	\$ 417.45 (September- January)
Office Supplies	\$ 182.10 (September)
Travel	\$ 4,959.46 (July – January)
ADC Fees	\$ 2,096.50
Misc.	<u>\$ 441.25</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 401,385.76</u>

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Kelly Jackson update the members on the Request for Quote (RFQ) with NC4ME. It has been approved and was executed by the NC Military Foundation as of January 27, 2020. Chairman Bottorff asked about the status on Sentinel Landscape? Kelly Jackson said that the MOU was in place and she had a conversation with Dewitt Hardee, and he would be sending the invoice soon. Dewitt Hardee said that his Department is still working on their funding codes so they can transfer the funds to the appropriate partners. His accounting office should be working with Kelly Jackson to get the funds transferred to the Department of Agriculture. They have already completed the contracts with their partners such as NC State University and the Soil and Water Foundation to continue their work as they have done in the past. They are also using some of the funding for outreach as they have done in the past. We are up to 33 counties in the Sentinel Landscape for landowner contact, education, workshops and individual meetings with landowners to keep their land compatible with military training.

SENTINEL LANDSCAPES: DEWITT HARDEE, NC DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Dewitt Hardee gave the members an update on Sentinel Landscape. See the quarterly report submitted by Dewitt Hardee for October – December 2019.

Military Affairs Quarterly Budget Report (October - December 2019)

NC State University Project

This project convened a coordinating committee meeting on Nov 7 and conducted calls on October 11 and December 10. Increased partnership membership from 19 organizations to 23 organizations with the addition of the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Project representatives attended the Moore County Landowner outreach event in partnership with a Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPII) representative to introduce the interactive landowner outreach tool, December 6, 2019. They also presented to the Regional Land Use Advisory Commission (RLUAC) November 21 about the Eastern North Carolina Sentinel Landscape, a local governance and planning model, and 30-year partnership between municipalities, counties, non-profits, agencies, and military interests at Ft. Bragg and Camp Mackall.

The Landowner Recognition letter was distributed to forested landowners within the Sentinel Landscape area during the month of September 2019. The next step is to evaluate the reactions from these landowners about the information that they have received and their level of interest in additional incentive programs. There's discussion about hiring someone who can conduct outreach to the landowners that were provided with forested landowner management plans.

Representatives also attended a Sentinel Landscape Coordinator's meeting on October 18 to develop a robust NC Sentinel Landscape Strategic Plan. National goals and metrics are in the process of being developed for the Sentinel Landscape Partnership at the federal level.

NC Foundation for Soil and Water Conservation Project

During the 4th quarter of 2019, the Foundation and Moore Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) held the first set of focus group meetings and a landowner outreach event. The following dates are set for the other five counties: January 24 Hyde, January 28 Jones, February 4 Washington and February 26 Craven. An online registration is available as well as program information at www.ncsoilwater.org. The Soil & Water Conservation Districts take lead for advertising at the local level with the Foundation advertising through state partner lists and social media.

The focus group process is designed to facilitate a discussion on the strengths, challenges, and opportunities of their agriculture and forestry economies, with information feeding into future program development. The morning landowner focus group targets landowners that control management of large acreage and ones that other landowners seek advice from as well as certified crop advisors, consulting foresters and landowners on other agriculture boards like the county farm bureau. The afternoon focus group focuses on county government like the county manager, planning departments, and others; town council staff; and businesses that service our agriculture community like farm credits or tractor supply stores. The afternoon focus group is provided a summary of the morning group to gain concurrence or describe other aspects.

The landowner outreach event is designed as a “conservation speed dating” session for those that have not participated in existing agriculture, forestry, and wildlife habitat conservation programs or have not historically requested technical assistance. The attendees are educated on what a Sentinel Landscape is, what designation means at the state and federal level, and the history of the ENC Sentinel Landscape. A “model property” visual is used to demonstrate how existing programs can be used on certain types of land, from row crops, to woodland tracks, and surface waters. They are also provided with a copy of the “Conserving Working Lands” handbook, a how-to for establishing long term management goals developed by NC State Forestry Extension that was recognized with a national award. During the last hour the landowners are invited to meet one-on-one with whatever conservation agency representative they think would be able to help meet their long-term management goals. Over 13 agencies and nonprofits are invited to be a part of the conservation agency showcase so that there is multiple representation for agriculture, forestry, and wildlife habitat management.

Administrative Report

Dick Fowler – Participated in a public workshop for Moore County and monitored farms in Harnett County. Dick also worked with private landowners with Best Easement in Harnett County and McDonald Easement in Richmond County. Dick also worked with Harnett SWCD to encourage them to support their landowners by sponsoring easement application and becoming a grantee.

Rodney Woolard – Consulted with private landowners in Tyrell, Hyde, and Beaufort County and monitored farms in Hyde, Halifax, Tyrell, Bertie, and Washington county.

Joe David Austin- Participated in twenty-four public workshops and presentations within the Sentinel Landscape region. Joe consulted with landowner’s in Wayne, Pender, Johnston, and Onslow counties. He

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worked with the following individual farms: Barbour, Boney, Katalinic, Overman, Moore and Tingle. He also consulted with several landowners regarding monitoring in Pender and Wayne County.

<u>NCD A Outreach</u>	<u>Quarter 4 Expenses</u>	<u>Hours Worked</u>
Dick Fowler	\$2,160.00	72.00
Rodney Woolard	\$847.35	31.50
Joe David Austin	\$3,870.00	129.00
TOTAL	\$6,877.35	232.50

<u>Project</u>	<u>Quarter 4 Expenses</u>
NCSU Project	\$18,232.29
NCFSWC Project NCD A Outreach	\$11,264.62
	\$6,877.35
TOTAL	\$36,374.26

<u>Project</u>	<u>YTD Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
NCD A Outreach	\$26,030.65	\$123,969.35
NCSU Project	\$20,080.79	\$59,919.21
NCFSWC Project	\$13,653.26	\$56,346.74
TOTAL	\$59,764.70	\$240,235.30

<u>NCMAC/NCDA MOU</u>	<u>Appropriated Funding</u>
MOU dated 8/31/2018	\$150,000.00
MOU dated 11/13/2019	\$150,000.00
TOTAL	\$300,000.00
Less Expenses	-\$59,764.70
Balance 12/31/2019	\$240,235.30

Chairman Bottorff said that there will be a briefing at the next NCMAC meeting about the Sentinel Landscape program. Paul Friday asked how are things progressing with the Marine Corps and the Army on working lands? He knows that the Air Forces is moving forward on that item. Is there any update on that topic? Dewitt Hardee said that for Marine Corps Installation-East (MCI-East) had not completed the first conservation recording yet with the Navy with that combined easement. We do have a couple

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of MCI-East selected land parcels that have been evaluated. Those parcels did not work out because of the standpoint of the dollar value. So, the decision was made to put those on the side and go after another larger parcel. That is what we are focusing on now and is a 2000 acre block of land called Spring Creek Farms that we will be working on. The landowner is willing to work with us on this matter. We hope to have that project done in the next 6 months. Following that, we are supposed to be moving forward with the Agriculture Land Easement (ALE) and bring in United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agriculture Land Easement (ALE) funds for a conservation easement. All of the obstacles will be out of the way for us to move forward as we have been doing for the US Air Force on their parcels of land. That is what our status is at this time.

We are also moving forward on another Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Challenge. The funds from the Navy or MCI-East along with the Air Force are hoping to bring in high protect parcel areas. Also, \$38 - \$39 million more dollars of value. That is what we are looking at and it is a rolling project as we go along. MCI-East is not as advanced on this as the Air Force, but we are trying to bring everyone up to speed. Paul Friday said that they are doing a great job. He also asked if they knew if the Environmental Protection Agreements (EPA) had been signed with NAVFAC on the working lands? Dewitt Hardee said that they are having bi-weekly calls with the Navy trying to move this forward with the cooperative agreement and the easement language to be recorded using Agriculture Development and Farmland Preservation (ADFP) and US Navy language. We are trying to ensure that the appraised values are something everyone can relate to and sign off on. The first project's appraised value did not coincide with the private landowner's expectations to move forward with executing a conservation easement. So, the Spring Creek project is what we are focusing on now to get that first one taken care of. So, everything else is on hold until we get this first one recorded. That is why we are saying 5-6 months is our timetable to get this done. We are moving forward and need to continue to push this and make it happen.

Chairman Bottorff asked Dewitt Hardee if he thought things are moving in the right direction or does he need assistance with the Navy hierarchy. Do we need to get any lobbyists involved in this process and set up some meetings? If you could send us some information, we could share that information with our lobbyists for assistance on this subject. Dewitt Hardee said that he would appreciate the assistance but needed MCI-East to tell him what they want to do because they are partners with MCI-East. He would be glad to meet with anyone that could help move this process along. He thinks they are at a standstill until they get the first landowner to sign the contract and get it recorded. Chairman Bottorff asked if any of these easements are in the Cherry Point Area for protecting their training areas? Dewitt Hardee said yes as far as the fly routes. The Spring Creek Farm goes out to the bombing range. Chairman Bottorff said they would talk offline and get more information on this matter. He said that we had gone down this road before on different subjects.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC): WILL BEST

Will Best gave an update from the Department of Commerce (DOC). He said that the consultant for Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and the Dare Bombing Range is that they have selected to continue the implementation process. They have selected the Matrix Design Group, the same group that performed the study and that is a big plus. He is currently in a holding pattern with the Department of

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Administration, Purchasing and Contracting (P&C) office on that. Matrix Design Group has been issued a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) because the bid came in just over budget. They came back in with a response on target. He is just waiting for P&C to make the formal award and get them on board. The process should take about 15 months and he will be meeting with the Department of Defense (DoD) and Mr. Blackwell Wilson, Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) and he is retiring. They will be coming to Raleigh to have the meeting on February 4th. We plan to get this moving as soon as possible.

STRATEGIC PLAN: FRANK BOTTORFF

Chairman Bottorff said that this is the year that the NCMAC needs to update their Strategic Plan. There is a Request for Proposal (RFP) that is in the process of being written to help us update our strategic plan. This update will not be as complicated as the first strategic plan that was done. Because of the work that we have already done, like the development of our strategic goals, this one will not be as complicated or as expansive. He is hoping to get that draft done within the next week. Then he will send it to a team of volunteers to review and get it ready to submit. We are not going to be recommending any more Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOTs) or anything like that. We have done enough research in the past. So, with the strategic planning that the NCMAC has already done, this should be a quick endeavor. He does want to include at least 2 community visits to each community. One visit at the beginning and one during the middle of the process. Also, a separate event, such as Raleigh and ask the community to send a representative to attend. That is the overarching goal of the this.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: FRANK BOTTORFF

Chairman Bottorff talked about the BS&CA strategic goals. He said that they had been sent to everyone for their review. This is a living document and we are looking to take what we have done and think about specific implementation items that we can work towards. Kelly Jackson reminded the group that the changes that they had made were in green. Chairman Bottorff said that the changes are good and can be changed to black. The next step is taking these items and create implementation of those items. He asked that everyone review the priorities and then send him any implementation items for each priority. He said for example under Encroachment was the mapping effort. When the State did the mapping effort, it caused a lot of discussion. So, involving that we could create an informational brief on the mapping effort. So, when you took the State map that was given to the public it was nontransparent and this part of the map was no good. He thinks that he needs each of the Services input to that in some transparent form. Then you could see the outline of the areas that are important. Then just as important to tell the story is to see the ranges and other things that are important. We need something that tells the story. Chairman Bottorff still plans to work on this project. He will be reaching out to the Services for that information. Paul Friday said that a couple other things is the 20th Anniversary of Southeast Regional Partnership for Planning and Sustainability (SERPPAS) in Beaufort, NC this Spring. We may want members of the NCMAC to be present at this event. This is a multi-State organization. The other item is the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). The PSAP is the call center where emergency calls are initiated by any mobile or landline subscriber. Chairman Bottorff asked the members to review the priorities and want to provide input, please email him that information. He will welcome comments from anyone who attends the meeting.

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BASE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS PRIORITIES:

Installation & Mission Sustainability 2019 Priorities:

Promote, enhance and protect North Carolina's existing military installations, training areas and missions.

1. Encroachment – Prevent and mitigate encroachment to protect North Carolina's military mission footprint/profile, main range capability and capacity to ensure military readiness; monitor the impact of construction of tall structures/wind turbines and other renewable energy projects while advocating for initiatives aligned with compatible resource use in support of North Carolina's defense mission (i.e., land use planning, compatible development, Sentinel Landscapes including land acquisitions or landowner incentives).
2. Ongoing Liability and Utilization – Lead the state's efforts to ensure the ongoing viability and future utilization of our installations, and testing and training areas.
3. Community and Installation Resilience – Improve the resiliency of **our installations, training and test areas, and Military Host Communities**, including North Carolina's enabling multi-use corridors that support its unique military missions of no-notice deployability; resume local civilian operations post-disaster and sustain the ability to deploy and employ the military forces without impacts from infrastructure degradation (e.g., strengthen natural disaster response, create redundancy and prepare for new challenges including sea level rise; improve inter-intra state rail, roads and airports).
4. Infrastructure and Services – Coordinate and assist with facility infrastructure issues affecting military installations and missions in support of mutually beneficial partnerships with the state and local communities. (i.e., Intergovernmental Support Agreements).
5. New Mission, Cyber and Technological Development – Explore and advance initiatives that modernize and drive technology to protect and maintain a competitive advantage for our military while attracting new missions and commands.

Chairman Bottorff said that he wanted to give the committee members homework. Read Items 1-5 and see if there are any action items that you can put as 1.a, 1.b and etc. How are we going to implement each step? Please review this in the next couple of weeks and then provide Kelly Jackson with your action items. Once Kelly Jackson has consolidated the information it will be sent back out to the members for review.

NEW BUSINESS: FRANK BOTTORFF

Chairman Bottorff asked the committee members if there had any new business for the group.

Kelly Jackson asked about the Apprenticeship program that was being done at Cherry Point. Mayor Lewis had mentioned that topic at the last NCMAC meeting. Does that program need to be presented at a NCMAC meeting? Chairman Bottorff said that the NCMAC has not heard from Fleet Readiness Center

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– East (FRC-East) in quite a while. This could be a good topic for them to present. Jamie Norment said that he thought that they would appreciate the opportunity to give a presentation to the NCMAC. Chairman Bottorff said that he NCMAC has had some turnover in members that this would be a welcomed presentation. Jamie Norment said that FRC-East had presented to the Department of Transportation (DOT) last year and have a presentation that they could use for the NCMAC. Paul Friday also recommended that NC Defense Alliance give a presentation on the Cluster Analysis. Kelly Jackson recommended that presentation be sponsored by the Economic Development Committee. Paul Friday also recommended a presentation on the work being done for Intergovernmental Service Agreements (IGSA). This is a topic that could be presented at a later meeting. Dennis Goodson said that there is now an issue with a State Statue that prohibits some opportunities that communities and local governments want to do at their installations. We may need quick legislative help and add a few words to that Statue to allow all things to be considered. A specific situation is that we are working with the City of Goldsboro and do grounds maintenance through an IGSA. Their City Attorney has reviewed the Statue and said that this is not allowed. Chairman Bottorff said that there are differing opinions on the interpretations of that legislation. We know that Fort Bragg does a facility cleaning contract between the City and Fort Bragg. There is more work to be done on this topic. Dennis Goodson said that he turned it over to his Air Force Attorney. Jamie Norment said that he is an attorney and they represent the City of Havelock and he has looked into this issues through the years. He said that there is an additional Statue that allows federal and local government contracts that is not related to the public enterprise. He thinks that there are certain ways to fix the matter. His concern with a legislative fix is that you won't get anything until June or late July and the General Assembly is going to be hard to deal with this year. So, you may not get anything until 2020 or 2021 if you wait on legislation. He will be willing to talk to the Air Force attorney about this matter. Chairman Bottorff said that as we know in the military that the Air Force has done a lot with Sentinel Landscape and the Navy is struggling with this topic to do that same thing.

Dennis Goodson said that he had a couple of updates. They continue to work on the Rocky Forge wind turbine issues in Western Virginia. The proposal is to build a number of 600 plus feet turbines on the top of a ridge. Near one of their low level routes which is operated by Seymour Johnson Air Force Base (SJAFB). The majority of aircraft that use that route are from SJAFB. Jamie Norment asked where this route is? Dennis Goodson said it was VR096 and it is near Natural Bridge. Our aircrews see other aircraft using that route. Chairman Bottorff said that they don't officially log on to using that route. Dennis Goodson said that they have reached out to the appropriate people. Paul Friday said the we have helped them with their stuff so they should help with our stuff. Chairman Bottorff said that this is an important point about using routes and doing the administrative process. We may need to talk to installations again and reiterate with the operational units the importance of logging in this information. Then getting that information to the Navy personnel. Especially on weekends and holidays, and everyone is closed, all you have to do is go up the VFR and announce yourself that you are going to fly. Then if no one answers, you just go. That is legal, but no one gets credit for that training. That is something we could talk about at the Commander's Council. Dennis Goodson said they are working in the early stages with the City of Goldsboro on encroachment management agreement with the City itself. We have an agreement with the Department of Agriculture. We also worked with Dewitt Hardee on some paperwork for the REPI Challenge deadline. We also went to Hyde County to participate in the public outreach that was held last Friday. We also attended the NC Department of Transportation

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briefing that was mentioned and it was well received. It was educational and something that the NCMAC may want to have presented at a meeting. Chairman Bottorff said that he agreed. Will Best said that one item that came up at the Regional Land Use Advisory Commission (RLUAC) meeting at Fort Bragg, was being more involved and attending the NC Commander's Council meetings.

Ron Massey asked if the NCMAC would like a briefing about the Census at their February meeting? This would be the last meeting before the Census starts. He will be giving the Census briefing at the NC Commander's Council. This will be the last time to talk to the Commander's before the Census count will take place. Chairman Bottorff said that he would put it on the ESG agenda for the February NCMAC meeting. He knows that there have been some small changes since the last briefing. Ron Massey said that the big thing for the Commander's is to ensure that the Commanders are being told what the situation is, and they are engaged with their staff on the base. We assume that they have their instructions, but it gives them a chance to ask Bob Coats what the guidance is from the DoD side and what the Census Bureau is doing and putting out. Ron Massey said that he sat in on a conference call that was run by the Federal Highway Administration. They have a group that includes some of the local federal highway personnel and some DOT personnel. They are looking at deployment routes. From Fort Bragg to Morehead City or Wilmington. Also, the same things at Camp Lejeune. Those are good things for us to be engaged in. One of the things that we are trying to do is get highway 24 upgraded to an interstate status. This is a way to get visibility on projects within the State. Chairman Bottorff said that is a good idea. Should we have a list of highway improvements that are a priority for the NCMAC? Those highways that we use for deployments. Ron Massey said that personnel at Camp Lejeune complain about the shipment of household goods because it is done by a central agency. The people don't understand what the routing is to get to Camp Lejeune. So, it is when the truck is on the road, they realize they can't get there from here. Then there is a delay in the shipment of the household goods and drives up the cost. There are a lot of pieces and parts to this not only deployments. Chairman Bottorff said that the household issue has been going on for years. Another item is the Florence Military Construction project, one of the projects that reduced the number of responders to 3. That has to do with replacing the bridge over the Intercoastal Waterway at Camp Lejeune and also a railroad trestle along the Camp Lejeune railroad. The NC Military Business Center is conducting a meet and greet for 3 of the general contractors that are competing for the bid selection. They will have the opportunity to meet members of the community and local/regional subcontractors. Chairman Bottorff asked if any of the 3 contractors are from NC? Ron Massey said that none of them are from NC but national contractors. We have put together our own committee which consists of the Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development, County personnel and the Community College. So, this committee will work with the selected contractor to answer questions and help them. Chairman Bottorff said that we can talk about how the NCMAC can be part of that group.

WRAP-UP: FRANK BOTTORFF

Chairman Bottorff asked if there were any other items for the committee.

Kelly Jackson informed the committee that Dr. Ronald Lingle had resigned from the NCMAC due to family issues. Col (R) David C. Myers, Marine Corps will replace him. Paul Friday said that he had attend a meeting at Camp Lejeune recently. Topics that were discussed were Sentinel Landscape, and Non-

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Custodial Enrollment. They are working on a legislative change to help with the Non-Custodial Enrollment issues.

Stan Walz said that the Coast Guard is working to get funding for the North/South runways repairs. Congressman Murray has sent questions to the Coast Guard around the issues of the Elizabeth City University because they use the short runway for the flight training that they are doing.

Executive Steering Group Items:

Census

Lobbying Contract Renewal

Sentinel Landscape Presentation

FRC-East (Apprenticeship)

Cluster Analysis/Economic Dev

IGSA work

Mary Lou Addor

Installation/FRC-East

Defense Alliance (February or May meeting)

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Frank Bottorff requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Friday made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott LaFevers and passed by unanimous vote at 11:09 am.