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MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED MAY 14, 2014)

I. Welcome and Introductions

Anthony Hester, Dwane Hinson, Mike Dupree, Kacy Cook, Tom Hill, Bill Hart, Dick Fowler, Tim Kennedy, Dru Harrison, Steve Trowell, Gray Hauser, Matt Poling, Natalie Woolard, Pat Harris, Boyd Devane

II. Review and approval of December 2012 minutes

Bill Hart move to approve minutes as distributed, Mike Dupree second; approved.

III. District BMP – Albemarle District

- a. Rock Weirs
- b. Wetland Filters
- c. Riparian Buffers

Dwane Hinson from the Albemarle District brought three BMPs (listed above) for consideration to the Advisory Committee. Mr. Hinson had previously brought these before the Agriculture Cost Share Program's Technical Review Committee during their August meeting. After a PowerPoint presentation and some discussion, it was decided to refer these to a workgroup, members to include WRC, DFM, DEMLR, DSWC, district, and division personnel. An invitation will be forwarded to these and other interested entities to further consider these for inclusion into the CCAP program. The issues discussed centered on fisheries passage, how the BMPs would react during periods of drought, and permitting.

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IV. Discussion on the new Permeable Pavement standard – Boyd Devane DWR
<http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/lr/bmp-manual>

Boyd Devane with the Division of Water Resources gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new permeable pavement standard that he and Annette Lucas, with the Division of Energy, Mining, and Land Resources, had developed. The new standard allows permeable pavement to be installed in non-Coastal Plain areas provided proper design and construction techniques are utilized. Mr. Devane's presentation focused on the need for expansion into non-coastal plain areas and the new design and construction standards. After Mr. Devane's presentation, the group offered comment on the revision of the existing CCAP standard. Considerable progress was made, but additional work is needed to refine the policy revisions for CCAP. The standard will be sent to Advisory Committee members for comment.

V. Consideration of permeable pavement revisions

As discussed above, the draft revision will be sent out to the advisory committee for review and comment.

VI. Funding update – Tom Hill

- a. Southeast Aquatic Region Partnership (SARP): application submitted but not awarded; shared with Little River Project
- b. Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF): Stormwater projects no longer funded
- c. CR funds: districts working on installing projects
- d. State Allocation: consistent at ~136,000 / year
- e. State Revolving Loan program: loan only program; local governments must apply; state governments are not eligible

Tom Hill gave a brief update regarding the CWMTF and SARP grant proposals and the changes made to potential funding sources. Neither the CWMTF nor the SARP grants were awarded. CWMTF no longer funds stormwater projects as their mission has changed due to recent legislation. Additionally, the former State Revolving Loan program is now the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Only local municipalities are eligible for grant funds, state government agencies are not. Updates to potential grant sources will be provided to the Advisory Committee as information becomes available.

The group discussed briefly that over half of all CCAP projects have been implemented with grant funds. Concerns were raised that the program will become more limited with the potential significant decrease in funding opportunities.

VII. BMP Allocation Rule Revision – Commission Request

The committee discussed the recent request made by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission regarding how CCAP funds are currently allocated to the local districts. The commission has asked for the committee's comments and recommendations on how to best utilize the existing state allocation. Handouts were provided to the group with information on the state legislature's allocations made to the districts for the CCAP program from the inception of the program (2008) to the current program year. It was suggested that the report include the funds encumbered and expended by each district along with the allocation data provided. This

information will be updated and provided to the committee. A workgroup will be formed to provide guidance, comment, and a recommendation to the Commission.

VIII. Review of References for CCAP BMPs

This item was briefly discussed as the adjournment time approached. Those present were shown a listing of the existing references to the BMP standards. An update of those references will be asked for in the near future.

IX. CCAP Training and JAA Update – Natalie Woolard

This item was forwarded to the next meeting due to time constraints

X. NCASWCD Update

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XI. Set future meeting dates

A doodle poll will be distributed to schedule the next meeting, as well as meetings of the workgroups.

XII. Open discussion