



## North Carolina Military Affairs Commission

Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee  
October 5, 2016

### Call to order

A meeting of the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs Committee was held at the Goldsboro City Hall, 200 N. Center Street, Goldsboro, NC as well as via teleconference on October 5, 2016.

### Attendees

Attendees included:

- Bob Dickerson (Chair)
- Frank Bottorff (On phone)
- Mayor Chuck Allen (on committee)
- Paul Dordal (NCMAC Vice Chair, on committee)
- Sonny Roberts (on committee, on phone)
- Pat Walker (on committee)
- Ron Massey (Mayor of Jacksonville designee)
- Jamie Norment (Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow)
- Robert Hosford (Ex-Officio Commissioner of Agriculture designee)
- Bob Coates (Governor's office, on phone)
- Bryan Gossage (DEQ, on phone)
- Troy Holowiti (NC DMVA)
- Jeremy Schmidt (NC DMVA)

### Members not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: N/A

### Approval of minutes

Chair called meeting to order at 10:05am and minutes were approved.

### Reports

#### Topic: Sustaining the Castle Hayne Aquifer

**Discussion:** Trying to establish a common monitoring and usage system. This is to protect aquifers from salt water intrusion. Provided a history of the usage by Jacksonville and Onslow as well as the state's restrictions to protect the aquifers. The monitoring wells ensure they're tracked. City of Jacksonville uses 4mil gal/day. When city and county started using Castle Hayne aquifer, it started using the base aquifer. By monitoring these, the usage is maximized. This is a sustainability issue for the region. The study provided the best locations for all the wells. Nine on base, 27 in the community. Base is moving forward to get their wells. City/county working when money is available. NCMAC grant is going to help. This is serving as a pilot program for the state and for places where other aquifers are used by multiple agencies. City is requesting for this to be part of the NCMAC budget, and will also pursue another grant opportunity.

Action Items: The department has been working to figure out its first time budget submission. The Secretary will be sitting with the budget office soon. It is not too late for the DMVA to include the Jacksonville submission. A recommendation was offered to propose a full authorization with incremental appropriations over the years. Committee discussed the upcoming legislative session and which groups will be interfacing with the GA.

### Topic: 2020 Census

Discussion: The city and state need to transition to educating the military population in NC. The Census Bureau and DoD are working on a data sharing agreement to provide address information to Bureau. The Census Bureau will be publishing a new set of rules. The Census Bureau stated that the proposal seems highly likely. The Census Bureau will also have a public education plan to educate communities.

Action Items: The Commander's Council will also be asked to assist.

### Topic: Sentinel Landscapes

Discussion: Gave an update about the program. Have regularly talked to local communities about what it is. Institute of Renewable energies with DoD has hired Addie Thornton to regularly interface with NCMAC about Sentinel Landscape program. 10/26/2016 Sentinel Landscape will have an open meeting. At NC State 9am. 5-year agreement reached to have \$3 million available to upgrade Dare Bombing Range.

Action Items: Mr. Dordal Motion made to make exec director regional land use advisory council RULAC an ex-officio and invite him to Base Sustainability. Ms. Walker seconded. Unanimous vote

### Topic: FRC Lift Fan Support initiative

Discussion: Briefed the state's strong support of the project for both Economic Development and the future of military in NC. Letter sent to make DoN aware the state will help find alternative funding of \$10mil. Sen. Tillis and Burr offices helped with the letter. Expecting an official response from the Navy.

Action Items: Senators Burr and Tillis are going to work with the Secretary of the Navy.

### Topic: Strategic Communications Update

Discussion: Students from UNC assisting. Meeting scheduled 10.11.16. Goal is to reach western part of the state. The students will be asked to present during the full commission.

### Topic: Priorities for NCMAC Meeting

Discussion: Would like to update and ensure better tracking of the priorities. Discussed changes and status of actions. Committee Chair will lead effort to update.

### Unfinished business

Not applicable

### New business

### Topic: Military Police experience Frank

Discussion: Program in the state looks at education, training, and experience to give a certificate. Would like to make a committee where the assessment of MPs gets reviewed.

Action Items: Mr. Holowiti will research the past efforts and assist in the way ahead.

## Open Discussion

Not applicable

## Announcements

Not applicable

## Adjournment

Adjourn at 12:15pm