



NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Minutes for Executive Steering Group (ESG) Meeting, 2nd Quarter, May 1st, 2018, Department of Administration (DOA) Building, 5th Floor Large DOA Conference Room, 116 W. Jones Street, Raleigh

Members Present

Grier Martin, Chair
Frank Bottorff, Base Sustainability, Chair
Tony Stimatz, NCMAC member for QOL (by phone)
Cresswell Elmore, Economic Development,
Acting Chair (by phone)
Sally-Ann Gupta A/R Sen Brown,
Legislative Affairs Chair

Additional Attendees

Secretary Larry Hall, DMVA
Christopher Hailey, LA for Grier Martin
Whitney Campbell Christensen (ACT)
Kelly Jackson, DMVA

Members Not Present

Senator Harry Brown
Kirk Warner, QOL Chair

OPENING REMARKS: CHAIRMAN GRIER MARTIN

Chairman Grier Martin called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. Chairman Martin welcomed everyone to the Executive Steering Group (ESG) meeting. The voting members in attendance were Grier Martin, Frank Bottorff, and Cresswell Elmore.

CONSENT MINUTES: CHAIRMAN GRIER MARTIN

Chairman Martin requested a motion to approve the minutes from the 1st quarter committee meeting held on Feb 6, 2018. Frank Bottorff made a motion to approve the minutes. Sally-Ann Gupta said that there were a couple typographical errors in the minutes and recommended that they vote to approve the ESG minutes at the Full North Carolina Military Affairs Commission (NCMAC) on May 15. Frank Bottorff withdrew his motion to approve the minutes. The corrected minutes will be reviewed at the May 15 meeting by the ESG members.

DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS (DMVA) UPDATE: SECRETARY LARRY HALL

Secretary Hall thanked everyone for coming to the ESG meeting. He said that the DMVA had received notice of funding for two nursing homes and the expansion of two of our cemeteries located at Sandhills/Fort Bragg and Western/Black Mountain. The nursing home projects are on a strict timeline to avoid losing access to the funds. We have reached out to the Department of Administration (DOA) and State Construction. The tight timeline can be problematic but DMVA should be able to get it completed. We are grateful to have these projects, especially the nursing homes. The Women Milvets Summit and Expo will be held on May 2, at the McKimmon Center at NC State. There are approximate 350 attendees signed up for the event. This event will assist women veterans with access to benefits and is a jobs forum event.

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QUALITY OF LIFE (QOL) COMMITTEE: KIRK WARNER

Tony Stimatz a member of the QOL committee briefed for Kirk Warner as he was out of town. The QOL committee meeting was held on Apr 25, Raleigh, NC. The Child Crisis Stabilization Unit has been funded at \$4M from the Dorothea Dix Grant Fund. This unit will be located at the Betsy Johnson Hospital, Dunn, NC. They currently are short \$1M but are looking for that additional funding. Dr. Meghan Doyle, Superintendent, Craven County Schools gave an update on ReStart. The budget process for a school is very restrictive. They need more school funding flexibility. She also works with Fleet Readiness Center-East (FRC-East) to talk about what the work force needs to look like in the future. They have talked about items she has integrated into her curriculum to better address the skill needs of FRC East. Dr. Doyle's top three education items are funding for Professional Development, Calendar flexibility and Licensure for Teachers. The committee also received an update on the superintendents meeting of military impacted schools. The QOL committee would like this presentation given to the Full Commission at our May 15 meeting. We also received an updated document on Senate Bill (SB) 761, Military Course Credits. Other topic that were discussed were remote enrollment funding for Powerschool, Calendar Flexibility, and School Zone Policy. Chairman Martin asked if the choice of whether to pick your school district or school assignment within the district what we are after? Frank Bottorff said that it is both. Chairman Martin asked if there was any action needed for these items and Tony Stimatz responded no, but we may later see a proposal related to military funding because Department of Public Instruction (DPI) and the committee is working on a proposal. Chairman Martin asked do you need any help from the legislature? Tony Stimatz said not yet, but we will let you know. The topic of Impact Aid was also discussed. Frank Bottorff said that we should discuss whether there's a role for the state to make up the gap in lost revenue not covered by Impact Aid, which covers less than 50 percent of the cost of educating the students. Sally-Ann Gupta asked them to explain Impact Aid? Frank Bottorff said that it is federal funding for uncaptured costs to communities for military and other students. It has gone down steadily over the past 10 years. Chairman Martin gave an example, families who live on post do not pay taxes to support the local school systems. Frank Bottorff said that education is an important factor in the BRAC process. Sally-Ann Gupta suggested working with DPI or authorizing a study committee through legislation. Chairman Martin said that maybe the next item would be good for a study over the next interim. Chairman Martin and Sally-Ann Gupta agreed to discuss offline. Chairman Martin recommended that we add to the NCMAC meeting agenda an item for a Department of Defense (DOD) presentation on their outreach to states on quality of life issues. Examples, military student identifier, voter registration, enrolling military children in schools. I think it would be good for the NCMAC to hear about what they're currently focused on. No further discussion.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: SALLY-ANN GUPTA

Ms. Sally-Ann Gupta said that there was no update at this time. She did say that they are continuing to work on a possible Military Day at the North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA). They have reached out to Allies for Cherry Point's Tomorrow (ACT), Mr. George Breece, Seymour Johnson and Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce. All of them are supportive of this day. They would like to get host community leaders recognized on the Senate floor. They may also reach out to Installation Commanders or their representatives to attend this event. Sally-Ann Gupta hoped that everyone can make themselves available for that day. The event will probably be on a Tuesday or Wednesday in late May or early June. Whitney Christensen, ACT recommended that they check with the Senate Phil Berger's and

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Representative Tim Moore's offices and check their schedules. They also would encourage any NCMAC member to attend if they are available. No further discussion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: CRESSWELL ELMORE

Mr. Cresswell Elmore said that they had an Economic Development meeting on Apr 26, in New Bern, NC. They received a significant update from Brad Helton on the Economic Development Partnership North Carolina (EDPNC) efforts. He gave us a brief update on the Army Future's Command (AFC). They are submitting the Request for Proposal (RFP) this month. Scott Dorney from North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC) asked for a resolution in support of his funding requests of the NCGA but did not have much details and he is not ready for discussion at the full NCMAC meeting. Chairman Martin said that timing of our meeting schedule and the short session will likely be an issue. Cresswell Elmore said that he did not think that we had enough information and details to take it to the Full NCMAC. He said that we also received an update on ACT and the significant military construction funding coming to Cherry Point. The committee discussed its goals and priorities, which Cresswell Elmore thinks they maybe stale and should be refreshed. Chairman Martin asked what is the process for refreshing those? Cresswell Elmore said that we need the entire Economic Development Committee present to give feedback on priorities and devote our entire committee meeting to discussing it. Frank Bottorff said on the request from Scott Dorney, that he was hesitant to ask for specifics because of the interplay with the college folks, but it sounds like he needs an additional \$1M. He wants to increase the hours of DEFTECH (currently part time) and wants to expand the number of offices he has and their operating hours. NCMBC is not requesting any funding from the NCMAC but is asking us for a resolution to ask for more money for the General Assembly (GA). Frank Bottorff said to Scott Dorney that he needed to include as many specifics as possible. No further discussion.

BASE SUSTAINABILITY AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: FRANK BOTTORFF

Mr. Frank Bottorff said that the Base Sustainability and Community Affairs meeting was held on Apr 24 in Goldsboro, NC. We discussed the Sentinel Landscapes Resolution that the NCMAC Chairman signed in support of the matching funds to their federal award dollars. The City of Havelock has already passed a resolution on this matter and other military host communities are considering it. We also talked about the 2 Community Grants that have been approved and the funding has been authorized for payment. Chairman Martin thanked DMVA for supporting this effort. Frank Bottorff discussed other projects and the status of payments for each project. Sentinel Landscape Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) \$150 K has been processed and authorized for payment. EDPNC, 1 of 2 payments has gone through. The NC4ME is a work in progress. Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) Grant has gone through. We have made good progress with the payment of these projects. We discussed the upcoming grant cycle is under review and whether they should wait for Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) implementation. We also discussed the possibility of a state JLUS, which several states have apparently done. Chairman Martin asked what would that process look like? Frank Bottorff said that you submit a grant request to the OEA and if it's selected and funded then you hire a consultant. Several installations are currently conducting their own JLUS. Chairman Martin asked if there a role for the NCMAC in that process? Frank Bottorff and Secretary Hall agreed with Will Best, Department of Commerce is the state expert on this matter. We also, talked about wind and plan to invite John Nicholson, North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) to the next committee to discuss wind issues and the

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role of NCDENR. No current action items to bring to the full commission right now. Tony Stimatz said that he had seen something on the news about the Marine Corps attacking a Woodpecker nesting area. Frank Bottorff said that he thinks that issue was part of the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) money but he was not sure. That was an initiative where they did get money from both Marine Corps/Navy and the federal and a Conservation group to put an easement on that land on the south side of Camp Lejeune. For which they could designate it for Red Cockaded Woodpeckers. Then potentially take some of the pressure off the Installation and the training areas. It is a great program. No further discussion.

BYLAWS TASK FORCE (TF): KIRK WARNER

Chairman Martin provided a brief update due to Kirk Warner's absent. Chairman Martin requested and received bylaws from commissions in other states and shared that with Kirk Warner. Tony Stimatz said that the pending legal review may be the largest remaining item. Frank Bottorff said that the committee working group has not seen any of this new information yet. Chairman Martin said that this topic most likely will not be ready for the full commission meeting on May 15. I don't want to rush it but do not want to delay it either. He will get an update from Kirk Warner on the status of the by-laws. No further discussion.

FINANCE AND BUDGET TASK FORCE: FRANK BOTTORFF

Mr. Frank Bottorff said that he will update the spreadsheet before the Full NCMAC meeting. No changes to the recommended budget. We are executing the planned. No further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frank Bottorff said that the bylaws are in the works and the revised grant documents have been sent to Kelly Jackson to incorporate any department items. We are in the process for one active grant for the next grant cycle. Chairman Martin asked Sec Hall if this items would be ready for the Full NCMAC? Sec Hall said that he did not think they would be ready before the next meeting. Frank Bottorff said that he had sent the RFP to Kelly Jackson. He had worked on the body of the RFP but not the beginning and the end. There is more work to be done and hope that it can be passed on to the DOA. Sec Hall said that's what we're trying to do, but we're looking at it as an ongoing thing. Frank Bottorff said he thinks it will be a good story to have federal lobbyists to work with the governor's representative in DC. Sec Hall asked about the new goals they may be set and especially for the Economic Development Committee. Are any of those changes going to affect the RFP? Frank Bottorff said that it should not affect the RFP. Frank Bottorff asked if we should ask the Craven County Schools superintendent to come speak with us, if she has time? Tony Stimatz said that her briefing would be on the Restart and it is a powerful program. Two schools are doing it currently. Chairman Martin that we are light on the agenda so let's coordinate to get her on the agenda. Kelly Jackson will coordinate with Dr. Doyle to see if she is available to brief at the NCMAC. Frank Bottorff said that he would like to give Scott Dorney 10 minutes if we can afford it. Chairman Martin said that he would like an update from Jim McCleskey on DC and would like that for every meeting. It was a little long last time but very informative. Frank Bottorff said that when we have a lobbying firm in place they can do this and he can add on by exception. The group discussed whether bylaws would be discussed during the meeting and how long that would take. The consensus seemed to be that everyone was comfortable operating under the current bylaws for another quarter. Sally-Ann Gupta said that if Scott Dorney is asking for funding, we will need action from the

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NCMAC during this meeting if it would be possible to help him during the Short Session. Sec Hall said that he wanted to throw out an issue that came out once before. I know we've supported Scott Dorney in the past. Be careful about setting precedent. There are other proposals like this and you might start attracting others with similar requests. Chairman Martin said that we need to be cautious about random visits to meetings by the good idea fairy. We need to make sure we let Scott Dorney know the process we prefer. Chairman Martin asked if there are any objections to any of the proposed agenda items we discussed today? There were no objections expressed. Sec Hall said that having the committee meetings right before the full quarterly meeting is an administrative struggle for the department. We would like the committee to consider spacing them out their meeting out before the ESG. Chairman Martin asked if the committee chairs would be opposed? There was no opposition. Chairman Martin will contact Warner for his feedback as well. Frank Bottorff asked Kelly Jackson to send links out to everyone to the ethics training and the statement of economic interest forms. Cresswell Elmore said that there is a database where this is all stored. Chairman Martin tasked Chris Hailey with determining who has completed it and who hasn't. Frank Bottorff offered to send letters to Commission members who are not in compliance.

AGENDA FOR FULL NCMAC:

DMVA Update	Sec Larry Hall	
Committee Updates	Committee Chairpersons	
Task Force Updates	Task Force Chairpersons	
NCCC Update	Paul Friday	
Census Update	Bob Coats	
DC Update	James McCleskey	ESG
ReStart Presentation	Dr. Meghan Doyle	QOL Committee
Superintendents meeting/DPI	DPI Staff	QOL Committee
NCMBC	Scott Dorney	Economic Development
DOD Presentation	Regional Representative	

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Martin asked for a motion to adjourn. Tony Stimatz motioned to adjourn and Frank Bottorff seconded the motion. Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:20 pm.