



Full Commission Meeting Minutes

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12:30PM **Call to Order, Welcome, Pledge, Opening Remarks, Agenda Review Chairman**

Chairman Bud Martin called the meeting to order at 12:30. A lot of exciting things are going on in NC for military, the goal is to protect the missions and to care for the Servicemembers and their families.

At 12:35 PM, each person in attendance introduced themselves with a name and the office or organization they represent.

12:40 **Consent Agenda**

Approve November Meetings Minutes and August Addendum

Senator Brown is going to come and brief the legislative part, he will be moved at 1405 before the break. Secondly, there are 2 issues that have come up that require new business, so after the top priority review and approval, there will be a few new business items.

At 12:41, there were 2 items up for approval. The 2 minutes from December and August were amended and Bud Martin called for a motion to approve the minutes from both meetings. Kirk was in attendance at the December meeting so his name will be added. Seconded unanimous approval. No items were added to the agenda.

Senator Brown was welcomed to the meeting.

12:45 **DMVA/Administrative Update**

Secretary Larry Hall Remarks Sec. Hall

At 12:45 PM, Sec. Larry Hall provided a welcome to everyone and thanked the Chairman for all of the time and effort he has put in for the Commission. He wants to provide more responsive and interactive support from the DMVA office. Stated that in order for the Commission to be more effective and responsive there need to be more involvement by the members. There is a lot of interest in these meetings, and there will be great efforts to make sure everyone is notified of the meetings. The Department will stand ready to support and be committed to the integrity of the Commission.

FY16 – 17 Spending Joe Kelly

12:50 Joseph Kelly provided an update on financial expenditures. Bud Martin learned that the money that the NCMAC has will carry over. Joseph Kelly said that he wanted to have the meeting in Raleigh to provide an opportunity for the General Assembly members to attend or for those from the Commanders Council to attend as well. From a personnel perspective, he was a division of one focused internally to set up a budget and to re-categorize positions properly. There is an Accountant starting early March, and an Accounting Manager, there are interviews this week for an Installation Coordinator, there is also a Family Coordinator, there will be an Attorney, Inter-Agency Coordinator, and a Communications Director.

FY17-18 Budget Update Joe Kelly

There is a slide in the packet with a fiscal year breakdown. \$59,000, just over \$13,000 has been spent. That number is fairly accurate, he used the January report. Funding obligations – MOU was just signed yesterday, the fiscal folks will transfer that over this week. MOU for DEFTECH – he will speak with Scott about that this week. 2 contracts are pending and have been reviewed by the fiscal auditor folks. FY 17-18 budget, everything the department was looking for has been presented to the Governor's office, the Governor's budget will be provided on March 1st. Bud Martin said \$10 million had been asked for grant money, they ended up having to revise the list a bit, the vertical lift is still in the budget, the budget people didn't get the list but it was submitted so they cut it down to \$4.5 million; the Chairman asked for the list to be updated and resubmitted. He reached out to some individuals in Jacksonville and Cherry Point to ask for the lists to be finalized. From the Chairman's perspective, they are trying to show the General Assembly and the Governor that other states are doing similar projects. He believes they should be able to find \$10 million with the surplus that is currently available.

NC MAC Update Report to NCGA Lacy Pate

12:55 Updated report to the General Assembly, the Commission will give a report; it was done verbally during the short session. The draft report was provided to each voting member. Joseph Kelly would like feedback shared by everyone by close of business Friday so that it can be submitted to the General Assembly. If there is anything in the meat of the document that needs to be included, please let the Chairman and Joseph Kelly know via email. These are important projects that need to be supported somehow. Lacy Pate has been working on this document.

Other Key Activities for the NCMAC Joe Kelly

12:56 Joseph Kelly will be assisting with the transition. Today is his last meeting. He introduced Jason Cain who was appointed as the Assistant Secretary of Military Affairs. He served aboard Ft. Bragg, worked on Veterans issues, and on Governor Cooper's transition team.

12:57 NCCC Update

Commander's Council is adjusting to the change, new members of the group. Opportunity to get an update from Bud Martin and Joseph Kelly on the DMVA and NCMAC, received great information on budgeting and the asks to the General Assembly. Renewable energies update was also provided. Update from 2 representatives from Dept. of Agriculture on the REPI challenge request and the State's ask for \$10 million to move that program forward. Dept. of Agriculture also provided an update on Sentinel Landscapes. There is a significant ask to improve the total dollar amount. Marine Corps perspective update provided as well, there was a recent establishment of a partnership program. Challenges were also shared, including proposals that might be brought up, including the use of drones and working that into the total mix on the commercial and hobbyist side. There was an update on the 4 primary projects from the Navy's perspective on wind energy projects. Some are in a dormant stage and some in a "wait and see" stage. Seymour Johnson was also brought up in regards to wind energy. The company is going to work with them on this item, there is a process in place to make sure the DoD is aware of what is going on and the impact of the projects.

1:04 Matrix / Roosevelt / Yonker / Team Update

Shared that the NCMAC and DMVA have been partnering with them and they are excited to be back on contract with the organizations. The agenda of their slides were reviewed. He is going to go through

their work plan to talk through what they will be doing with the NCMAC. They will be representing at the Association of Defense Communities in a few weeks.

John said that that only one appropriation bill that has been signed - \$300,000,000 coming to NC. Budget will be submitted May 1st, so they are trying to decide if there will be a separate bill. There is a defense readiness review that will create a budget amendment for FY17. They want the defense bill done by March 1st if possible. No one challenged them on funding, there were 3 other competitors but they didn't challenge the funding so that's good. The stars have been aligned for BRAC. Chairman McCain reelected for 6 years. Senator Reid has supported it, Adam Smith supported it, and the President is business-oriented, and the people he is appointing are business people. This is the fewest number of lawyers in any administration, they purposely did this. In December, they found out there would be a 10% increase in the budget, they said they realized they need to reduce the footprint. Legislation was drafted for the House last year. They may have to contract out. Sec. Mattis drafted the Senate version, there should be a BRAC authorization in the bill. The House has never approved this before, but the Senate will likely be on board and the President should sign the bill. The Army and Air Force feel they have enough justification to go forward. John spoke about the National security team – there has been some chaos and confusion because there haven't been many people appointed, some people have backed out, some people have been nominated who didn't know what was involved. Out of 549 key positions, they only nominated 34, 515 position to fill, 1,200 require Senate confirmation. They are behind, but there are several who are wanting to be considered from the Secretary position. Budget issues – readiness review, Ft. Bragg and Camp Lejeune will benefit from this, Senator Tillis is the Chairman of the personnel committee, which is great. They want to increase the number of Marines, it's expensive to do but it's the plan. It will be an interesting subcommittee. He has been dealing with all of this in the past 33 days. Trade deals and Supreme Court nomination will delay Senate. He discussed Trump's FY 17/18 Defense Budget – Potential 10% increase - \$54 billion, increase size of Army, Marine Corps, build a 350-ship Navy, etc. There are several reviews going on, there is a readiness review to look at maintenance and infrastructure. They are going to change spending levels for FY18. Advocacy Highlights – He got to talk to Colonel Sage about this, Goldfein just responded. Bipartisan letter to ask the Air Force to look at the Air Force F-35 areas, they met with ACC and consider F-35B's that will come to Cherry Point. Goldfein said they want to make some investments in FY17. There are good things in store for Seymour Johnson. CODEL reached out to them about drafting the letter. Secretary of the Air Force will make the decision about where it goes. FY18 Legislative Issues – Lift Fan Facility at MCAS Cherry Point - \$17 million facility. He believes it will be fully funded in the request, don't pull it out of the budget yet. Pope Field runway extension – drafted letters to Ft. Bragg, passed through Senators. More focus needs to be done on cyber defense, work with NC National Guard. That should be landed in the next year. Many ask about the wind turbine legislation – restrictions within 35 miles of military installation was proposed. This doesn't mean anything because impact the training areas and routes must be considered.

1:22 Sal covered 3 main tasks under the contract. Task 1 – Action Plans – Research, analysis, assist friends at DoD to think about what is best for national defense. Think of a way to imbed it in the opportunities in North Carolina. Ranges, existing missions, cost reduction opportunities. The Action Plans are written broad enough so movement can happen between the priorities. For example, they adjusted to focus on the Lift Fans. Task 2 – Lobbying and Advocacy – Work at national level with CODEL, work with services, work with Coast Guard, John and the Roosevelt group are the best for channeling

conversations. Change DoD policy development, “think tank” events with NCMAC and key stakeholders, visits with Governor, GA, and people in Washington. Task 3 – Strategic Communications - Subcommittee met last fall to figure out how the story can be told better throughout the state and at the national level.

1:28 Spotlights: Attracting New Missions – Terry Yonkers spoke. The Senate has to schedule confirmation and then vote on each person. There is a sequence of events that need to happen for these 500 positions. It may take 10-14 months for confirmation. Pentagon is saying that without the leadership at the top, there are acting Assistant Secretaries who don’t want to do something that the White House or the new appointee won’t agree with. Discussion about retaining the mission that’s going on in North Carolina and how to grow the mission. You have to look at the greater context, such as how it fits into the economic mission and political mission. There are moving parts that are constantly in flux. Ex. Ask for help with training pilots faster for the military. There are places in Texas that were vulnerable for being shut down. Growing missions – Unmanned vehicles (ground, air, water,) cyber security, space, data assimilation and exploitation. The Air Force is putting together 2 cyber security locations. Space for the Air Force is growing. BRAC is becoming a reality. Senators in key positions are starting to look at this and considering that maybe this money could go into readiness. Senator McCain and Senator Reid have noticed this, and others may join in. The states with the most to lose – Texas, California, Florida, Virginia, and North Carolina. All states are trying to figure out how to add more strength to their bases, the bases shouldn’t be closed down. John said that we need contact with Ft. Bragg. They are the major base to provide services to other bases. Someone said they want to talk to Paul Friday about these issues. A lot of things are done at the Pentagon level. Think about the local workforce and each military branch. He believes that California is a vulnerable state. A question was asked about other warfare specialties Training pilots without appropriate time cannot be sped up, but perhaps the university system could assist with training. Sal said you also have to think about vocation, for example in cyber security, you have to have the right vetted people in those types of positions.

Spotlight: Partnerships – Terry Yonkers representative. They have worked on the uniform side and now are helping installations with partnerships. This is an opportunity for both sides to come together and agree to the pursuit of these types of things. Installations/communities interested in scheduling a consultant led workshop contact NCMAC to coordinate details, at no cost to the installation. They have been hired to help the state, so they are a resource at the bases’ disposal. They can come out and facilitate a 1-day visit, for example, to explain the process and the installations will begin the process of setting up meetings.

ADC Innovation Forum – Sal said he will be there at the Installation Innovation conference February 27-March 1 in San Antonio, TX. There are 6 focus areas, such as installation adaptation, military family readiness, land-use management, resource efficiency, ensuring base and community security, etc.

1:52 **Legislative Affairs Senator Harry Brown**

He thanked the Commission for being so dedicated and working to create positive change. He began by discussing a bill that he was a co-sponsor on. This bill has passed 1 committee in the Senate and should move pretty quickly, it should move from the Senate to the House in the next week or so. Senator Davis introduced bills to enhance benefits for Veterans and their dependents and to establish a Veterans Awareness Bill in November. Senator Clark has a bill for retired military to only show their retired military card to purchase a firearm. Senator Sanderson has a bill that would extend tuition assistance for National Guard enrollees in the event that they are called to serve, they will not be suspended for not

being in attendance if they were called to serve. Sanderson also has a bill that would allow retired military to be admitted to state parks for free. Senator Davis has a bill to change the definition of wartime children to add step-children to the state definition. Senator Rabin has bills addressing income tax exclusion for military retirees and to recognize license plates for various individuals who have received awards. Bill to allow community colleges to offer ROTC programs for first 2 years of college. These are some bills that are in the works. The Senate and House are beginning to work on their budgets, he has been discussing a \$2 million need, in order to continue the mission with the NCMAC. He mentioned the New River inlet in Onslow County, the military is becoming more involved in that inlet. Clean-water management trust fund will be discussed, the biggest piece that he tried to get done at the end of session last year is the Windmill piece. It's not anti-windmill, it's a military protection bill. The Dare bombing range is one of the most unique in the country, it needs to be protected by working through the windmill compatibility piece. He believes that the DoD can move their bases somewhere else, it's not as important as it is to Seymour Johnson or Cherry Point. We need to continue to talk about how the urgency is different in NC than it is for DoD. This will probably be a fight moving through this bill and this issue. Try to get the real reason out there to the public. There is a need for pilots and aviation. Elizabeth City State has an air traffic control program and an aviation program, so it would be good to work to grow those programs and tie into the military to assist with those needs for pilots and drones. The sooner that the GA can get dollar amounts on key issues, the better. The budget isn't as tight but it's still going to be a tight budget in some ways. Make sure the priorities are included in the final budget. Question from Rep. Cleveland about bill 763-it will take time to put the map together and figure out when this discussion should continue. In the long run, there has to be a map with off-limits areas and the areas where they are allowed. A question was asked about the retired military bill – he thinks there is a chance it could be revisited, it would bring more retirees to the state, which would be great. Rep. Cleveland's bill includes all government employees over a 10 year period, \$7 million first year, \$17 million second year, \$30 million third year. Is there an issue if you do it for just the military? Rep. Cleveland thinks there might be. It will have a big economic impact to the state. \$1.80 per \$1, now it's \$2.50 economic return, looking at all government retirees. Chairman Martin asked for guidance from Senator Brown, there was discussion in the ESG, they think a study needs to be done, Matrix will probably do the study. **Senator Brown thinks that we need to find a fix and move forward without a study.** The Chairman also asked about the report the GA has asked for the long session. No numbers have been included yet until the Governor approves the budget. Senator Brown thinks that financial numbers should be included, include the numbers and the ask that has been shared with the Governor.

2:10 **Break**

Chairman Bud Martin called for a 15 minute break, and the group reconvened at 2:25 PM.

2:25 **Public Comments/Announcements**

Chairman Bud Martin asked if there were any public comments or announcements. One observation from the Matrix presentation – Recommend that the Governor visits Washington, D.C., he thinks this should be done quickly. Sal said that there will be a CODEL visit in April, they would like to take members of the NCMAC or the Secretary to D.C.

2:28 **Comments on Wind Energy from Chairman Bud Martin**

He thinks it is important to set the record straight regarding articles from the Carolina Journal. He resigned his position March 1st, when the results of the election were confirmed. He wanted there to be a smooth and constructive transition from the McCrory administration to the Cooper administration. The Carolina Journal articles have been sent to each person on the Commission. This is a volunteer commission and the statutes and bylaws are only as effective as the staff that can implement and follow. John Droz has spoken to the members of this commission in the past. He had informally met with state legislators to develop feedback to develop HB 484 regarding wind energy. Most were receptive to his recommendations and most wanted to protect military training routes. There was a proposed wind bill that was supposed to be 10 times better than HB 484. Matrix drafted information and conducted a study and found that 484 needs improvement. Due to the transition in governors, no meetings were held between December and the ESG meeting. Matrix was to have a conversation with John Droz and provide unbiased feedback. It is important to hear all sides. John was asked to attend the ESG meeting on February 7th. The ESG would determine if it was important enough to present at the full Commission meeting. John gave the Chairman permission to strike any information. There was no information on the Amazon Wind Farm. He said that the meetings are open to the public. The Amazon Wind Energy initiative has been mentioned several times in the press as part of the discussion, and it was no, so that is misleading. It was never spoke during the meeting. Mr. Droz informed him after the meeting that even though the Carolina Journal was sent a complete transcript, he asked the Carolina Journal to retract misinformation that had been printed about the meeting. This was the first time he had been able to meet the new Secretary and to educate him on the rhythms of the MAC. This is an example of what happens during transitions, there is some confusion. The new Secretary wasn't aware of what had happened before the meeting and didn't know anything about the open meeting policy. He senses some uneasiness about the presence of the press. Chairman asked the press to leave. He did remove the item from the agenda, but later on made the call that the information was important enough for the ESG to hear it. He did not know if the news person had left or not. Why would he have chosen to have an adversarial encounter with the new Secretary at the new meeting? There was no need to cover up anything or treat it as the Carolina Journal had said. After reflecting on things, he realized it was unfair to John Droz who would have been inconvenienced if he wouldn't have been able to review his document. It is unfortunate that the Carolina Journal chose not to stay for the entire meeting. While he is aware that the meetings are open to the public and the press, in 3.5 years, public attendees have been rare and the press has never chosen to attend their meetings. There are so many things that are being accomplished for this state. The Commission had no experience with the press. In the future, hopefully the press will attend the meetings and will report on the good work without creating controversy. John Droz was voted on to attend the full Commission meeting. He elected not to attend the meeting. By statute, all members on this Commission may remain until their term is up. He hopes that they will all choose to remain on the Commission. Although he has resigned, he hopes to be a resource until Cooper chooses the new Chairman. He has the opportunity to appoint a Vice Chairman, Pat Walker will assume the duties of Chairwoman. In the bylaws, it says that you can take the ethics training and he has up to date ethics training. He has no agenda except to benefit the military and the people in our state. In the last article, legislation has now been discussed about keeping meetings open. They have accomplished a lot and he has loved serving as the Chairman. He looks forward to hearing more about the workings of the Commission in the future and he is thankful for the friendships that have been formed.

2:40 Sonny made some comments. He has been on the Commission for several years, since the beginning. He has seen a struggle and he thought the Commission would never make it. It started with about 50 people, half were voting members. It was a struggle and there have been chairmen come and go.

2:43 Chairman Martin asked if there were any other business or news that needed to be shared. There has never been a briefing on the wind use study. Get this on the agenda for the next meeting. Will Best is present, it is important to utilize the information from the joint land use, it's good to educate people on what is going on in the different counties. Will Best said that the DoD funded the joint land use study. He can provide more information with advanced notice, some information is owed to Mr. Cox and Seymour Johnson. Public information meetings have been set up. Ft. Bragg just released a new study, as well as Seymour Johnson, Will Best said that we will apply for additional funding. Sal said that there is a distinct study done by Matrix a year and a half ago, took the existing 5 land use studies and took like items and bundled it together and brought to the MAC to figure out what items need to be brought to the forefront at the state level. Take this to the General Assembly to help installation. There was also a red, yellow, and green map study done, the bases provided data for things like military training routes, that was plotted on a series of maps. These are still active and appropriate maps that can be used for conversation. Green areas, there is no conflict with renewable energy air. Red is a bad area, don't go there, it's not compatible with the military. Yellow, have a conversation about that area. It is good to get together and talk between the development community and the military installations. He is happy to talk about it more at the next meeting. This tool was presented previously. It went to NC 1 Map. It's an interesting and relevant topic, they will bring it back again and work with the expanded permanent staff at the DMVA. Someone suggested that we make sure the information is packaged for a non-military audience so that anyone can understand the information and the military and energy speak isn't included. Be sensitive that some of the information is shared with a different audience than the military Chairman Martin said that the map needs to be chased down, so the information is readily available. Will Best said this study has been developed for the past 18 months, there has been a committee with leadership to handle the information and work with the Matrix team and the air force base. After the product is reviewed, the funding will be implemented into land use planning. A joint land use study by the DoD is not a document that can be enforced, it's enforced on the local level so the communities will communicate with one another. A document will be produced soon. It would be good for developers who walk into counties to know where and where not they can develop. Figure out how to communicate the information in each individual community. Will Best said that wind energy and solar is one of 25 compatible items or factors that DoD considers. Wind is a small section of the study. The concern is more on the wind energy and the compatible development of those corridors. Commerce and the Secretary of DMVA need to be working together on this issue. The Chairman said that this Commission spent money to conduct this study at various places. Don't leave out this product, don't throw it on the shelf and ignore it.. Joseph Kelly said he has been working closely with Will Best and Robert on this, joint land use and sentinel landscapes are complimentary. The subtleties are important to consider, which is why Joe asked Will to speak to this.

3:02 **Committee Reports (15 minutes each)**

NC4ME Grant Status – Kimberly Williams

NC4ME started under economic, it's a quality of life issue as well. Kim Williams thanked the Commission for having her, she wanted to thank DMVA and the NCMAC for their support. NC4ME is recognized in NC and other states. She is the HR Director as well for the City of Jacksonville. Her daughter is an active Servicemember. She started this program because NCMAC approached her. There is a perception that Servicemembers are only trained in military tactics, but there are people in the military who are accountants, lawyers, etc. She has made up for the fact that she didn't hire Veterans. They put together a team or partnership, there are strategic leaders involved, HR was involved, and the transition experts in the bases involved. They are now engaged with everyone and to implement this strategy across the state. It's a simple process with 3 steps. Show employers why they should hire Veterans. Hire people that are successful in driving business results. Show the strategic leaders the value in hiring Veterans. Educate HR professionals in hiring transition Servicemembers. Employment summits – educate people about why Veterans should be hired, there is low turnover so it makes good business sense. There have been 7 Summits, 40% of the strategic leaders have been attending, encourage and influence more people, HR training has gone well, partnered with the VSO's, 3 sessions have been conducted. 200 people have been accredited so these people know how to connect with the Veterans and Servicemembers. Hiring events and jobs that are available are communicated, find out who needs the jobs, and connect these people with companies. Over 1,000 interviews, over 50% hiring or second interview rate. NC4ME has impacted the state in a great way, there is a recognized brand, collaboration across the state, hundreds of volunteers that meet with Servicemembers and employers. There are certain industries that are very strong. IT Awareness Days target Veterans to be trained and certified in Cisco programs, 30 people are registered for next year. 2017 Strategy – the program is working, increase footprint, educate more employers, engage Servicemembers, visit the bases, go to NC4ME.org to see the schedule. The calendar has many hiring events. These are pre-determined interviews, a company will sit down and have a conversation with them.

3:15 **Economic Development Subcommittee**

Jimmy Stewart is the Economic Development committee chair, he wanted to thank Gary McKissick for his service to the committee and for the hard work of the individuals who have worked with him. He hopes to work with the new administration. With the committee, there have been some great groups they are working with. Jimmy Stewart will resign at the end of February.

3:17 **NCMBC DEFTECH Funding**

Scott Dorney from the NC Military Business Center came to provide an update. He gave an update on the Military Business Center, with a focus on DEFTECH. The purpose is to provide a brief review of NCMBC and DEFTECH. Mission and Goals – Mission is to leverage military and federal business opportunities to expand the economy, grow jobs and improve quality of life for all individuals. The Goals are to increase federal revenues for businesses, support integration of military into workforce, and to support defense-related business recruitment. Assets – 17 staff (contact information provided,) MatchForce.org, partnerships. Operations – Leverage procurement opportunities, the General Assembly said they can win more contracts, they focused on technology transition operations, the easiest is in procurement. Their job is to find a company and help them win. Compete for government contracts, help businesses understand solicitations to purchase things, help them win a contract. They have the good fortune to assist companies win the contracts because they have the best value and prices. They do network and training and events. They are focusing on the demand side – figure out what the

government wants to buy and help them connect with the right companies for purchasing. The General Assembly asked about other initiatives that are important, and the organization said that another thing to focus on is the Technology Transition Office.

3:24 A representative from the NC Defense Technology Transition Office came to speak about the DEFTECH relationship and some of the actions that have taken place since they began. They have mentored companies to engaged with the DoD. There are 7 government innovation offices. They are also working with the Dept. of Commerce to get more reach to companies in NC to tell them about DEFTECH, they have a background and they are more effective. DEFTECH Value Proposition – Warfighters have needs, there are capabilities and needs and requirements that need to work together. He hopes to have a contract with a company working out of their garage in the next few months. He hopes to report results in the next 2-3 months. With the reduction in DoD spending, and the development of several offices, what has changed is the demand. On the back side of the NCMBC are some Metrics and Outcomes. There have been 2,394 contracts won by NCMBC clients. Minimum value - \$4.803 billion, NC corporate income tax revenues - \$312.6 million. Individuals employed on contracts, up to 160,118 people. Support Request – The biggest barrier is not a lack of opportunities, but they need more businesses in this marketplace. He encourages them to consider businesses in NC to get engaged in the federal marketplace. Additional funding that’s requested is to make them whole to the way they were in 2011. Provide services to businesses across the state. The farthest office west is Charlotte. There is a lot on the other side of Charlotte so it would be good to have more of a presence in the western part of the state. Move some offices to full time from part time. The organization will ask for a \$250,000 increase in funding, there is legislation, get support from the Military Affairs Commission. Contact information for staff is included.

3:40 **EDPNC Position Status**

Brad Hilton spoke about the EDPNC; he is the business development manager for the Economic Development Partnership. His role is to be industry specific and to focus on identify leads and companies in the defense industry that are interested in relocating to North Carolina as they are growing and to expand in North Carolina. If a company is looking at various states, we want a chance to compete for their business.

3:43 **OEA Grant Update**

Lacy Pate said the award is imminent and they are in the process of drafting a letter for North Carolina. The amount is around \$2 million. The project will now be an 18- month project. The formal processes have been complete.

3:45 **College Credit Military Training**

College credit for military members. The topic is in the academic committees and the deans of each of the schools are working with it.

3:47 **Base Sustainability & Community Affairs**

Robert provided an update on the REPI Challenge. \$10 million REPI Challenge – NC was one of four that made it through the proposal challenge. They are using assets at the Air Force and Ft. Bragg and Camp Lejeune. At Ft. Bragg, they have identified someone on the Little River to develop on some property

there. Seymour Johnson, has identified a number of properties that will be for non-compatible use. Camp Lejeune will move 49 RCW clusters onto a property owned by the Wildlife Resource Commission. They met weekly at the Farm Bureau, 16 people on the working committee, environmental groups and state and federal agencies. A 142-page document including maps, 40 support letters, letters from Tillis, Burr, and others. Now begins the process and timing. The timeline for the award will be late spring, early summer. The Dept. of Ag has already begun to reach out to land owners. Perpetual initially scares land-owners, but after 10 years they see the benefit and the money flowing back, which helps their family and the military. The land use is the challenge; we are losing farmland that produces food. They pour concrete when this happens.

3:54 **Sentinel Landscape Funding**

Representative Cleveland said that the state of NC is not going to fund this forever. We need one department in Raleigh to do this and work it and see how it will continue to be funded in the future.

3:55 **Grant Process Update**

Bob Dickerson said that there was a grant put forth and trying to receive funding. Going into the long session, there is a document in the folder for review. \$10 million pot that can be used for other items that come up throughout the year. Someone has to show results from using this grant, you need to have measures of effectiveness if grant money is used.

Joseph Kelly made a comment about Sentinel Landscapes. General Wilson met with Commissioner Troxler, Sentinel Landscapes involves a lot of different things. It would be good to support agriculture. Agriculture is the lead, and the DMVA is support.

3:58 **Top Priority Review and Approval**

Continue these priorities, strategic communications, these priorities seem to be in order so it's good to keep them as is. Lacy Pate wanted to give an update on the Child Stabilization Unit. Recommendation #6. Some organizations came to speak about children who are in a mental health crisis situation, they often have to send families to Raleigh or farther away, putting a strain on military families. A grant approval was submitted to DHHS. The site where the project will take place isn't in a rural area, so they will probably be deemed ineligible, even though it serves families that live in Ft. Bragg. The legislature may want to consider this moving forward. Lacy said that it is statute that the money is for rural projects, it would likely require a statutory change to say to serve rural communities. The General Assembly should look at this and possibly change the legislation to support this community. This should be included in the recommendation to the General Assembly. The definition of rural is what needs to be changed. Sec. Hall said that a special provision would need to be made.

Chairman Martin said there are 2 items he wants to sign off to 2 committees. The first one is related to Regional Land Use Advisory Commission at Ft. Bragg. They have approached Senator Meredith. Senator Meredith suggested they come to the NCMAC. They are asking for \$50,000 per year from the NCMAC. He wants to hand this off to the Sustainment Committee for future consideration. The second item he wants to discuss is that there is an email that went out from ET with good points that were made. Now that the committees have been changed around, it would fit the best with the Legislative Committee. He is passing it on to Sally-Ann for recommendations and addressing those issues. Pat Walker asked that everyone complete ethics training before the next meeting.

4:17

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM.