

MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA SEDIMENTATION CONTROL COMMISSION
August 1, 2024
GROUND FLOOR HEARING ROOM, ARCHDALE BUILDING
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission met on August 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in person in the Ground Floor Hearing Room of DEQ's Archdale Building located at 512 N Salisbury Street, Raleigh, and remotely. The following persons were in attendance (either in-person or remotely) for all or part of the meeting.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Dr. Susan White (Chair) (Absent)
Mr. Benjamin Brown (Vice Chair)
Mr. Michael Taylor
Mr. James Lamb
Dr. Richard McLaughlin
Ms. Emily Sutton
Ms. Marion Deerhake (Absent)
Mr. Mark Taylor
Mr. Ryan Carter (Absent)
Dr. Kenneth Taylor
Mr. Steven Wilson
Mr. David Beck (Absent)

OTHERS

Toby Vinson, Interim Director and Program Operations Chief, DEMLR
Julie Coco, State Sedimentation Engineer, DEMLR
Graham Parrish, Assistant State Sedimentation Specialist, DEMLR
Rebecca Coppa, State Sedimentation Education Engineer, DEMLR
Sarah Zambon, Commission Counsel, Attorney General's Office
Kathleen Russell, NCDEQ, DEMLR
Stan Aiken, DEMLR
Shawna Riddle, DEMLR,
Nathan Pennington, Buncombe County
Trafton Dinwiddie, Ward and Smith, PA
Jason Guess, Buncombe County
Victoria Hoyland, Buncombe County
James Rogers, Buncombe County
Jason Mull, Buncombe County
Charles Brown, Town of Cary
Scott Reams, Wake County

Jeevan Neupane, Wake County
Angela Lee
Michael Holder
Shelton Sullivan
Zachary Lentz

PRELIMINARY MATTERS

In Chair White's absence, Vice Chair Ben Brown chaired the meeting. Mr. Ben Brown called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Mr. Brown read Executive Order No. 1 regarding avoidance of conflict of interest. He asked if anyone has a known conflict of interest or potential conflicts.

Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Mr. Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 23, 2024, meeting. Mr. Michael Taylor moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Emily Sutton made a second. The motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Buncombe County Review

Mr. Parrish presented the findings from his follow up review of this program. Staff's recommendation was to place the program's delegation on continued review for two additional quarters, with a follow up report to be presented at the 2025 Q1 meeting. A discussion ensued. Ms. Emily Sutton made a motion to approve the recommendation made by the DEMLR staff. Mr. Michael Taylor made a second; the motion passed.

Town of Clayton Review

Mr. Parrish presented the findings from his follow up review of this program. Staff's recommendation was to place the program's delegation on probation for an additional quarter, with a follow up report to be presented at the 2024 Q4 meeting. A discussion ensued. Mr. Mark Taylor made a motion to approve the recommendation made by the DEMLR staff. Mr. Michael Taylor made a second; the motion passed.

Johnston County Review

Mr. Parrish presented the findings from his follow up review of this program. Staff's recommendation was to continue delegation of the program. A discussion ensued. Mr. James Lamb made a motion to approve the recommendation made by the DEMLR staff. Dr. Kenneth Taylor made a second; the motion passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Local Program Staffing

Ms. Coco presented an analysis of sample data collected from local programs regarding staffing levels and related it to workload. Several commission members thanked Ms. Coco for this overview.

NCDOT Report

Ms. Coco stated that there were no Immediate Corrective Action (ICA) reports issued by the NCDOT and no trout buffer waivers issued to the Department by DEMLR during the previous quarter.

Commission Technical Committee Update

Mr. Mark Taylor, the Chair of the Committee, shared that the committee continues to meet monthly. He gave an update on the progress made on the practice standards in the *Erosion and Sediment Control Planning and Design Manual* and stated that some standards were being reviewed multiple times. He has begun communicating with DEMLR staff on the progression of reviews and what constitutes final acceptance. Some practice standards have been prioritized based on feedback from DEMLR regional staff with others considered new or supplemental for consideration. Working groups have been reorganized. Mr. Taylor will continue to chair this committee after his term on the Commission expires.

Land Quality Section Active Sediment Cases and Enforcement

Ms. Coco reported on the status of civil penalty assessments and judicial actions.

Education Program Status Report

Ms. Coppa provided an update on the Education Program covering activities from April through December of 2024. This included the Chavis Park Stream Clean on April 26, 2024. The Annual E&SC Workshop will be held in Raleigh on December 5, 2024. The annual Local Programs Workshop & Awards Banquet is scheduled to be held in April of 2025 in Chatham County. Ms. Coppa is soliciting speakers for the workshops or articles for the SEDIMENTS Newsletters.

Sediment Program Status Report

Ms. Coco reported on the Land Quality Section's statewide plan approvals, inspections, and enforcement activities. Numbers were available through the end of June.

Land Quality Section Report

Ms. Coco reported on the number of vacancies within the Land Quality Section.

CONCLUSION

Remarks by DEMLR Interim Director

Ms. Coco, on behalf of the Interim Director, thanked members for their time and engagement during the meeting.

Remarks by Commission Members - none

Remarks by Chairman - none

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Julie Coco, State Sedimentation Engineer
Division of Energy, Mineral, and Land
Resources

William Vinson, Jr., Interim Director and
Chief of Program Operations
Division of Energy, Mineral, and
Land Resources

Ben Brown (Vice Chair)
Sedimentation Control Commission