The North Carolina Sedimentation Control Commission’s Technical Committee met on July 15, 2021 at 3:30 p.m. online via WebEx. The following persons were in attendance for all or part of the meeting:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Mark Taylor (Chair)
Ms. Karyn Pageau
Mr. AJ Lang, PhD
Ms. Robin Smith
Dr. Rich McLaughlin
Ms. Toni Norton
Mr. Donald Pearson

OTHERS

Mr. Brian Wrenn, Director, DEMLR, DEQ
Ms. Julie Coco, State Sediment Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ
Mr. Graham Parrish, Assistant State Sediment Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ
Ms. Rebecca Coppa, Sediment Education Specialist, DEMLR, DEQ

Minutes:

Chair Mark Taylor began the meeting at 3:33 pm.

Draft meeting minutes from 6/17/21 were approved by consensus.

Ms. Karyn Pageau was nominated for vice-chair by Dr. McLaughlin and accepted the nomination. No others were nominated or self-nominated. Ms. Pageau was voted to the vice-chair position by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Coppa and Mr. Taylor went over the compilation of committee members’ rankings of proposed topics and how they were compiled and used by Mr. Taylor to make workgroup assignments.

Mr. Taylor explained how he grouped members and topics and tentatively assigned the topics to work groups. He reminded everyone that no more than 3 members of the committee can meet without needing to comply with Open Meetings Law requirements. Mr. Taylor then
explained the work groups and assignments in greater detail and opened the floor for comment.

Dr. McLaughlin asked for clarification on what the assignment goals were. Are they to analyze the current manual sections and determine what needs editing, added, etc.? Mr. Taylor replied in the affirmative, with additional guidance being sought from DEMLR staff.

Ms. Smith stated that she’d be willing to be a 3rd member on the pollinator seed mixes topic assignment.

Mr. Taylor clarified his understanding of what should be done and updated the committee that he had asked Mr. Vinson and Ms. Coco of DEMLR what the process, timing, and involvement of DEMLR staff should/would be. Ms. Coco informed the committee that the last time the E&SC Design Manual was updated, it was done in sections and that an errata was also published for ease of printing and inserting into existing physical copies of the manual. Ms. Coppa said a list of errata should be kept by members as work progresses and that she would continue to work to make editable MS Word versions of the E&SC Design Manual practice standards available to the work groups.

Mr. Taylor proposed that the committee can decide at the end of each meeting if it thinks the next monthly meeting should be one hour in length or longer. It was agreed that the next meeting on Aug. 19, 2021 would be 1-1/2 hour in length from 3:30pm – 5pm.

Director Wrenn gave an update on the previous suggestion that DWR make a presentation to the CTC on why sediment is typically seen in waterways after an intense rainfall and how well E&SC measures are working. He said Ms. Karen Higgins at DWR is going to coordinate with her staff to give a presentation on how they monitor, regulate and use turbidity measurements. This will likely occur at the CTC’s September meeting. Mr. Taylor asked Director Wrenn what section of DWR is responsible for PAM and if that is something else that could be presented on. Director Wrenn said he would look into that for the committee.

Mr. Taylor stated that the next CTC meeting will be scheduled as noted above and that each workgroup should plan to give a 10-minute update on their progress and needs.

Mr. Taylor ended the meeting at 4:41 pm