



Final Minutes

August 5, 2019 BEAT Board Meeting

Call to Order

Vice President Dwight Willis called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm with the following Board members in attendance: Dwight Willis, Dan George, Linda Eastman, Jennifer Swift, Pete Key, and Marilyn Priddy. Teddy Altreuter, Bob Jakus, Sybil Murray Burgess and Ted Janes were absent.

Old Business

1. Linda seconded Dwight's motion to approve the draft agenda and the July minutes with no changes. The motions passed.
2. There was no Treasurer's report to review. Members discussed the process of finding a new Treasurer following Tom Goodwin's resignation. Pete is the only authorized signatory, and he agreed to continue as Treasurer in the interim. Linda said she had picked up all remaining items (from Tom Goodwin and/or Neil Gilbert). Teddy was not present to discuss the status of the application for the Society of St. Elizabeth grant.
3. The agenda items under the Webmaster heading were tabled due to Bob's absence.
4. The agenda item to review the draft non-partisan and social media policies was tabled until the next board meeting. Those present agreed to bring comments to the next meeting.

New Business

1. The main purpose of the August board meeting was to plan for the 8-7-19 meeting that Dwight scheduled with Chance Lambeth, District Director for Representative David Rouzer.
 - a. Dwight reviewed the outline of the meeting agenda with ensuing discussion:
 - i. Purpose of meeting is an opportunity to explain who BEAT is, air top concerns and develop a positive relationship. Then Chance (and Rouzer) may use BEAT as a resource for environmental issues. (Dwight)
 - ii. Introductions of members present, topics and accomplishments (Jennifer)
 - iii. Chance cannot speak for Rouzer, but will relay message (Dwight)



- iv. Ask for common ground, bills they are working on, establish a dialog (Pete)
- b. Members discussed the top concerns to discuss with Chance and Jennifer agreed to address seismic blasting and offshore drilling and estimated 10-12 minutes on this topic. Members suggested the following points to include:
 - i. Seismic blasting does not locate oil, it requires drilling (Dan)
 - ii. Invite Chance to watch Sonic Sea video (Dwight)
 - iii. Include endangered right whales (Dan)
 - iv. Incorporate Randy Sturgill's rebuttals to Rouzer's position (Jennifer)
 - v. Will probably not change his mind, but there may be another issue that BEAT can assist with (Dwight)
 - vi. SODA info shows NC is ground zero for seismic blasting and Cape Hatteras has largest fish population anywhere in NA (Dan)
 - vii. Include list of communities that have opposed offshore drilling and seismic blasting (Dwight)
 - viii. State will be shutting down recreational fishing for flounder soon due to overfishing (Dan)
- c. Members agreed the next top issue was water quality, and Dan agreed to address this issue with Chance. Members suggested the following points to include:
 - i. Coal ash, hog waste, and GenX type compounds
 - ii. Find out what requests Emily Donavon, Dr. Kyle Horton, and Beth Marcacino made during recent trip to DC. (Pete, Marilyn & Dwight)
 - iii. Waters of the US (Jennifer)
 - iv. Quality of Black River compared to Cape Fear (Dan)
 - v. Goal is a conversation; how can he help guarantee people in his district have clean water to drink (Dwight)
 - vi. Affordability and social justice issue (Dwight)
 - vii. EPA's role (Marilyn)
 - viii. Hog waste lagoon relocation and available federal funds (Dan)
 - ix. CPI permit, not opposing industry, but against polluting air and water; not anti-farmer or anti-capitalist (Pete)
- d. Members agreed the third top issue was clean energy, and Pete agreed to address this issue with Chance. He asked for a one page outline, which Dwight offered to develop. Jennifer said she was creating a binder of materials to leave with Chance. Members suggested the following points on clean energy to include:
 - i. Economic development opportunities with comparison to nation's commitment to land on the moon (Pete)
 - ii. Duke's failure to line coal ash ponds (Marilyn)



- iii. Approach can be local jobs and training
- e. Ideas to include in wrapping up the meeting with Chance included:
 - i. Emphasis on BEAT as a non-partisan organization
 - ii. Acknowledgement of Rouzer if he makes right decisions
 - iii. Accomplishments, including Navassa Superfund site, methyl bromide hearings, working with county
- f. Members finalized outline of meeting with Chance reviewing order and spokespersons for each issue.
 - i. Meeting should end on a positive note with Chance understanding BEAT members are connected to many others in communities (Jennifer and Dwight)
 - ii. Include opportunity to discuss other issues since there are more than these three (Marilyn) and Dwight asked members to send him list of other issues
- 2. Members agreed to table the remaining items on the agenda with two exceptions.
 - a. Linda (Plastics Committee Chair) asked for a decision on BEAT sponsorship of an entry in the Festival of Trees, a fundraiser by the Carolina Coastal Museum in Ocean Isle Beach.
 - i. Spring Harkins has begun making decorations
 - ii. Linda estimated \$200 would be enough and committee would return any unspent funds.
 - iii. Linda seconded Dan's motion to approve the expenditure and the motion passed.
 - b. Jennifer suggested BEAT have a general membership meeting in October. Ideas for speakers included:
 - i. Kemp Burdette, Cape Fear River Watch
 - ii. Emily Donovan, Clean Cape Fear or Beth Marcacino
 - iii. Keep Brunswick Beautiful - new recycling rules

Adjournment

Pete adjourned the meeting following agreement to hold the next board meeting on Tuesday September 10th, due to the Labor Day holiday.