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CLEAN WATER MANAGEMENT TRUST FUND

MINUTES OF MEETING

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JIMMY JOHNSON, COASTAL HABITATS COORDINATOR FOR ALBEMARLE-PAMLICO NATIONAL ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP

ALSO PRESENT:

SUSAN KLUTTZ, SECRETARY, NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

SHAWN MAIER, NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BRIAN STRONG, CHIEF OF PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES, NORTH CAROLINA DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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A G E N D A**COMMENCEMENT**

- 1) **Call to Order** (Chairman Kickler)
 - a) Welcome
 - b) Roll Call
 - c) Compliance with General Statute §138A-15
General Statute §138A15 mandates that the Chair inquire as to whether any Trustee know of any conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with respect to matters on the agenda. If any Trustee knows of a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest, please state so at this time.
 - d) Please Put Cell Phones on Vibrate or Off
 - e) Revisions, Additions, and Adoption of the Agenda

- 2) **Consent Agenda** (Chairman Kickler)
 - a) Minutes of the June 2015 Board Meeting and September 2015 Special Meeting
 - b) Requests to extend the date to enter into a construction contract for existing
 - c) Infrastructure Grants - 2004A-508 City of Northwest's request to transfer ownership of wastewater infrastructure to Brunswick County - Staff: Larry Horton
 - d) 1998A-014A NC DOT easement amendment request for bridge replacement on SR1102 in Polk County - Staff: Will Summer
 - e) 1997A-006A NC DOT easement amendment request for bridge replacement on US441 in Macon County - Staff: Will Summer
 - f) NC DOT Dedication Amendment Request for Bridge Replacement for Hwy. 561 in Halifax County - Staff: Will Summer

- 3) **Legal Update** - Mary Lucasse

- 4) **Executive Director's Update** - Bryan Gossage

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **Consideration of Innovative Stormwater/Restoration Cmte. funding recommendations (Chairman Kickler)**

**2) Consideration of Acquisition Cmte. funding
recommendations (Chairman Kickler)**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Public Is Invited to Make Comments to the Board -
Chairman Kickler (*Three Minutes per Person*)

ADJOURNMENT

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M I N U T E S O F T H E M E E T I N G

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Welcome. Good morning, everyone. I would like to welcome you to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Board meeting this November 20th, 2015. For the record, we are located at the Ross Conference Center at 121 West Jones Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, at the Nature Research Center in -- at the fourth floor conference room.

Before we get started, let me take the roll. If you are present, please indicate so for the record.

I, Troy Kickler, the Chair, am present.

Frank Bragg?

TRUSTEE BRAGG: Present.

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Greer Cawood?

TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Present.

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Frederick Beaujeu-Dufour?

TRUSTEE DUFOUR: Present.

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Robin Hackney?

TRUSTEE HACKNEY: Present.

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Renee Kumor?

TRUSTEE KUMOR: Present.

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Johnny Martin?

TRUSTEE MARTIN: Here.

1 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: William Toole?

2 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Present.

3 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Charles Vines?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: We have eight Trustees
6 present. We obviously have a quorum.

7 He's not -- Charles is not calling in today?

8 MS. MEDLIN: (Negatively nods.)

9 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay. So we have eight
10 Trustees present. We obviously have a quorum, so we
11 will continue.

12 As a reminder, please put your cell phones
13 on vibrate or turn them off. And also, if you have a
14 computer, please mute it so, when you receive an
15 email, everyone in the room does not know that you
16 received an email.

17 Let's move to Agenda Item 1(e). Oh, yes,
18 sorry, excuse me. Got ahead of myself.

19 It's required of the Chair to read General
20 Statute §138A-15, verbatim, and ask Trustees if they
21 have any conflict of interest.

22 "General Statute §138A-15 mandates that the
23 Chair inquire as to whether any Trustee knows of any
24 conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict
25 of interest with respect to matters on the agenda. If

1 any Trustee knows of a conflict of interest or the
2 appearance of a conflict of interest, please state so
3 at this time.

4 TRUSTEE KUMOR: Mr. Chairman?

5 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Yes, ma'am.

6 TRUSTEE KUMOR: I sit on the board --
7 Renee Kumor. I sit on the board of RiverLink in
8 western North Carolina.

9 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay. Trustee Kumor
10 will recuse herself from projects associated with
11 RiverLink.

12 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: And Greer Cawood, Mr.
13 Chairman. On the Acquisition, I need to -- it's Line
14 Item 11 and Line Item 29 -- I will need to recuse
15 myself from those.

16 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay.

17 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: Mr. Chairman? I'm Fred
18 Dufour. Line Item 1, 2015-438 with Orton Creek, I'd
19 like to recuse myself from that one.

20 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you.

21 Anyone else?

22 TRUSTEE MARTIN: Yes, one more. Trustee
23 Johnny Martin for Innovative Stormwater. I will
24 recuse myself from the item dealing with the Town of
25 Oak Island, Project Number 2015-1004.

1 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: And for the Innovative
2 Stormwater projects I will recuse myself from all --
3 all of them. And I will turn the gavel over to
4 Trustee Toole at that time. So, again, for the
5 Innovative Stormwater part of the vote, I will recuse
6 myself from all of the items. And the reason why is
7 because, in some fashion, all of these are associated
8 with North Carolina State University.

9 So now we arrive at Agenda Item 1(e). Are
10 there any revisions or additions to the agenda?

11 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing none, all those
13 in favor of adopting the agenda please say, "Aye."

14 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?

16 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion has carried
18 and the agenda has been adopted.

19 Before we get into the business part of the
20 meeting, we have a special guest in attendance today,
21 Secretary Susan Kluttz. And I would like to recognize
22 her, and she has a few words for us.

23 MS. KLUTTZ: Thank you.

24 I'm delighted to take just a minute of your
25 time this morning to say thank you on behalf of

1 Governor McCrory, and the new Department of Natural
2 and Cultural Resources, and to explain, just for a
3 minute, about how you have moved from one department
4 to another, if you don't know.

5 A couple of years ago -- well, actually,
6 three years ago when Governor McCrory came into
7 office, he issued a study from -- in the budget
8 department for government efficiency. And that --
9 after two years, that study determined that some of
10 the Divisions of Natural Resources should move into
11 the Department of Cultural Resources, which I've been
12 secretary since the governor was elected three years
13 ago.

14 That recommendation was made by the governor
15 in the State of the State -- his State of the State
16 message last January, and we started working,
17 immediately, on this transfer or merger, as he likes
18 to call it. The legislature, of course, had to
19 approve of this. And they were very much enthusiastic
20 about it from the beginning. It did pass with the
21 budget. And when these four divisions came over --
22 the science museum, the zoo, the aquariums, and the
23 state parks -- the legislature was so enthusiastic
24 about this move that they also moved you all, as
25 well -- the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and

1 Natural Heritage Program -- to us, as well. So we're
2 very thrilled about this.

3 And let me just explain that we think that
4 it makes so much sense that what we value, the
5 treasures of North Carolina and cultural resources, we
6 feel exactly the same way about our natural resources.
7 And I can tell you and commit to you that we'll work
8 as hard as we can to do everything to promote and help
9 you in every way we can.

10 So, don't hesitate to call on me. I'm
11 thrilled that Bryan is your director. And we're here
12 at your service. I've got a very strong
13 administrative team. We have -- we're very proud of
14 what has happened with Cultural Resources, and we just
15 look forward to working with all of you.

16 So thank you so much. I'm thrilled, too,
17 that Dr. Kevin Cherry -- I believe he was with you for
18 a lot of the day yesterday -- he's our Deputy
19 Secretary for History and Archives, and -- and now
20 will be, as well, with state parks and the Clean Water
21 Management Trust Fund. And so anything that you need
22 from any of us, please don't hesitate to let me know.

23 Thank you so much.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you, Secretary

1 Kluttz. I appreciate that.

2 Before we move on to the next agenda item, I
3 want to draw the Trustees' attention to an insert that
4 should be in your blue folder. And it is the
5 minutes -- part of the minutes from the June 2015
6 Board meeting, which was on the Consent Agenda.
7 However, you haven't had a chance to look at it yet,
8 because it was calling us into closed session.
9 However, now that that matter has been settled, we can
10 make these notes available. So, please take a moment
11 to look over those minutes before we proceed into the
12 Consent Agenda.

13 BOARD TRUSTEES: (Trustees comply.)

14 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: If you don't have it, I
15 have a copy.

16 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: I saw it.

17 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: You got it?

18 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: (Nods affirmatively.)

19 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay.

20 TRUSTEE KUMOR: Mr. Chairman, I'd like
21 to make a motion that we accept the minutes for our
22 closed session on Wednesday, June 3rd.

23 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Is there a second?

24 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you.

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Discussion?

BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those in favor say,
"Aye."

BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?

BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The minutes for the
closed session have been accepted and they are part of
the Consent Agenda now, because they were part of the
June 2015 Board meeting.

All right. Agenda Item 2 is the "Consent
Agenda." These are non-controversial items that are
voted on once and they all can be approved with one
vote. However, having said that, if a Trustee wants
to pull one of these items out, the Trustee can do so
at -- at this time.

BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing -- I note no
concern. All those in favor of the Consent Agenda
please say, "Aye."

BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed.

BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The consent -- the month

1 [sic] -- the motion is carried. The Consent Agenda
2 has been passed.

3 Now, we move to Agenda Item 3, which is a
4 "Legal Update" from our Counsel, Mary Lucasse.

5 MS. LUCASSE: Thank you all.

6 I'm here today along with Shawn Maier, who
7 have been together and -- we, together, have been
8 representing you on matters that have gone into
9 litigation. The only issue that we've had recently
10 has been the case brought by several homeowners in the
11 Grandfather Mountain area, which was brought in
12 Caldwell County Superior Court.

13 As you know from the work that we've done
14 with you before, that matter has settled. Right now,
15 there were certain steps that needed to be taken
16 before the actual litigation was dismissed from the
17 superior court. We're tracking those pieces of
18 agreements, and I'm still waiting to get the
19 stipulation for dismissal with prejudice, but I expect
20 that will be forthcoming soon, and will provide it to
21 you when we receive it. But the case has settled,
22 steps are being taken, including the signing of
23 agreements and moving the cable on the trout stream
24 back, and those sorts of things are taking place.

25 So, other than that, we don't have any

1 ongoing litigation. And I'm just working with staff
2 on a case-by-case basis, and the Trustees, if things
3 come up.

4 Any questions?

5 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: I want to thank -- thank
7 you, Mary.

8 Next item on the Agenda is Commencement 4,
9 and that's "Executive Director's Update," and then
10 Bryan Gossage has some more details about the tran
11 [sic] -- about the transition and some upcoming
12 events, and other things.

13 MR. GOSSAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
14 Good morning, Trustees. Thank you for joining us this
15 morning. Good morning to all of our -- our guests
16 today, as well.

17 I want to thank Secretary Kluttz for her
18 remarks this morning, for joining us, and spending
19 some of her time -- taking time out of her day.

20 As you are now aware, if you weren't
21 already, we have moved -- the Division has moved from
22 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
23 over to the Division [sic] -- or Department of Natural
24 and Cultural Resources. And, as part of that
25 transition, some of the division did not move. And

1 that includes the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary
2 Partnership.

3 And so you may recall that Bill Crowell, who
4 serves as the director of that, served as the
5 executive -- deputy director of the Clean Water
6 Management Trust Fund. So, typically, he would have
7 been sitting up here. And since he has stayed with
8 the old department, which is now called the Department
9 of Environmental Quality, he is no longer with the
10 Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

11 We also lost some -- some other staff, or
12 are losing some other staff, and -- who worked very
13 closely as part of all of the transition. And so Judy
14 Francis, who has been instrumental in doing site
15 visits and presentations, she -- there's one piece of
16 the division that stayed with DEQ that may return.
17 But, for the moment, it stayed over there. They've
18 allowed her to continue working with the Trust Fund up
19 through the end of this month so that she could
20 continue on, and help out this this meeting, in
21 particular.

22 Also, the Natural Heritage Program took
23 substantial cuts, about -- about \$350,000. And so
24 there are staff reductions there as well. And so
25 Scott Pohlman, who has been extremely helpful in doing

1 site visits and presentations, will not be with us for
2 the next -- for the next round. And so, as you can
3 tell, these cuts are going to have an impact on our
4 ability to do the work.

5 So, if you're having conversations with
6 decision makers and you want to express to them the
7 importance of our work and the importance of staff's
8 ability to get out and do the work that we all care
9 very much about and are passionate about, please,
10 please take the time to do so and express your desire
11 that the -- that our programs are funded to the level
12 that we need to do the work that we have.

13 Moving on, we have -- I do have one staff
14 person who we have added as a temporary employee. And
15 that is Charles Church, and he has joined us today.
16 He's in the back of the room. Mr. Church has spent 20
17 years in the Navy. He's now in the Navy Reserves. He
18 is -- has a bachelor's of science in forestry and he
19 has some project management experience, so he will be
20 working with us for about eight more months on the
21 Military Land-Use Plan that we've been working on
22 since last year. And his job will be to work with
23 installations around the state.

24 As you know from the Trust Fund's
25 perspective, the legislature has given us the mission

1 of protecting installations from incompatible use
2 encroachment. We've begun a blueprint or framework on
3 what exactly that should look like. And the General
4 Assembly -- both houses [sic] of the General
5 Assembly -- both chambers included specifically that
6 report in their -- in their budgets, so we will be
7 working on expanding that. It was a pilot project; it
8 started with Camp Butner, and we will be expanding
9 that to all installations in North Carolina. And that
10 will be Mr. Church's job through, I believe, August of
11 next year, at which time his position -- that position
12 will expire.

13 Moving on, we have a really neat workshop
14 that the Clean Water staff has been working very hard
15 on. We have -- we routinely get questions about the
16 processes and the procedures of application [sic] --
17 of applying for a grant, of grants being scored for
18 Stormwater, for Stream Restoration, for Acquisition.
19 And so it occurred to me that it might be beneficial
20 for all of our customers, the land trusts, local
21 governments and on and on, soil and water conservation
22 districts -- the folks who we work closely with -- to
23 really get an inside look at how the -- what the
24 behind-the-scenes operations are of the Trust Fund
25 beyond the annual funding meeting.

1 And so we're holding a first-of-its-kind
2 workshop in December. And so far we have about 50
3 RSVPs, so that shows me that there is great interest
4 in that. I'm excited about it. I can tell that staff
5 is excited about it, which is great. And so it seems
6 like our customers are excited about it, too. And so
7 I'll be happy to report on that in March, but that is
8 coming up on December the 9th. And that will be here
9 in downtown Raleigh. If you are in the audience and
10 you don't know about that, please reach out to Hailey
11 Medlin and she can get you registered. You can also
12 register for that online. There is no cost for that
13 registration.

14 In your blue folders, there is a list of the
15 2016 Board meeting dates. You have men [*sic*] --
16 minutes from previous meetings. You have, as always,
17 a snapshot of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund
18 Budget, which you saw yesterday, because it was
19 instrumental in the decision making that you did
20 yesterday. But we always provide you an "in-the-
21 moment" of what things look like, financially, for the
22 Trust Fund. Also, are copies of any correspondence
23 that we've received. Typically, those letters go
24 either to the Chairman or to myself, but we always
25 make a copy and include that in your -- in your blue

1 folder. Also, you have your reimbursement forms and
2 instructions for travel, hotel, et cetera, et cetera.

3 That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you.

5 We'll move on to "Old Business 1," which is
6 the "Consideration of Innovative Stormwater and
7 Restoration Committee Funding Recommendations."

8 The -- as you know, the Committee met
9 yesterday morning, and had some recommendations for
10 these two categories. And, first of all, we'll go
11 over -- excuse me -- the Restoration -- the Stream
12 Restoration part of the Committee. And, again, when
13 we get to the Innovative Stormwater part, I will
14 turn -- I will hand the gavel over to Trustee Toole.

15 And if you'll bear with me, for the record's
16 sake, I have to read these pages here. And I have
17 some bottled water around, which will hopefully
18 expedite the process as we go along.

19 "The Restoration Committee met on November
20 19th, 2015 and makes the following Restoration project
21 recommendations: The Committee recommends that the
22 Clean Water Management Trust Fund cap each -- cap each
23 Restoration funding award at \$400,000. The Committee
24 further recommends that the \$400,000 cap apply to the
25 provisional funding list as well as to the projects

1 awarded funding at this meeting.

2 The Committee recommends that the last
3 project funded, Project 2015-408, be funded with the
4 amount remaining from the amount available at this
5 time and that it be the first project eligible for
6 additional funding up to the total requested amount of
7 \$250,000 as funds become available for Restoration
8 projects.

9 The Committee recommends that the following
10 projects be funded in the amounts set forth below:
11 Project 2015-402, Charlotte Mecklenburg Stormwater
12 Services/Little Sugar Creek Environmental Restoration
13 Initiative Phase 11." And that's for \$400,000.

14 While I'm reading this, if you're weren't on
15 the Committee, it'll give you time to look over the
16 different types of projects -- that way if you have
17 any questions.

18 "Project 2015-414, Pilot View, Phase 6
19 Stream Restoration and Greenway Project, that's for
20 \$400,000.

21 2015-419, Resource Institute, Incorporated,
22 Western North Carolina Stream Restoration Initiative -
23 2015 Round, that's for \$400,000.

24 2015-423, Surry County, Little Fisher
25 Watershed Restoration, that's for \$350,000.

1 2015-802, River [sic] -- RiverLink, Smith
2 Mill Creek Watershed Plan, and that's for \$80,000.

3 2015-404, City of Greensboro, South Buffalo
4 Creek Habitat and Water Quality Improvement Project
5 Phase IV, and that is \$97,500 from the Restoration
6 money, but \$250,000 comes from the special allocation
7 for the Falls Lake/Jordan Lake projects.

8 Project 2015-403, Durham County" -- sorry, I
9 missed one.

10 "Project 2015-407, Mecklenburg Urban Cost
11 Share Program, and that's for \$150,000.

12 Now, we move on to Project 2015-403, Durham
13 County, Ward Property. \$150,000 came out of the
14 Restoration money; \$250,000 came out of that special
15 allocation for Falls Lake and Jordan Lake projects.

16 Moving on, Project 2015-420, RiverLink,
17 Smith Mill Creek Restoration, that's for \$120,000.

18 Next project, 2015-411, New River
19 Conservancy, South Fork New River Enhancement Project,
20 that's for \$400,000.

21 Next project, 2015-412, Town of Pilot
22 Mountain, that's a Stream Restoration and Greenway
23 Project, and that's for \$400,000.

24 Next project, 2015-405, Macon County,
25 Cartoogechaye Stream -- forgive me if I mispronounce

1 that -- Restoration Project, and that's for \$191,000.

2 2015-401, Carolina Mountain Land
3 Conservancy, Rush Mountain Stream Restoration; that's
4 for \$57,800.

5 2015-416, Polk County, North Pacolet River
6 Reach 4 Stream Restoration Construction Phase 2,
7 that's for \$400,000.

8 And Project 2015-408, North Carolina
9 Division of Parks and Recreation, Lake Waccamaw
10 Hydrilla Treatment, and that was \$30,142."

11 Thank you for bearing with me.

12 "Finally, the Committee recommends that
13 Clean Water Management Trust Fund provisionally
14 approve each of the remaining projects set forth on
15 the Restoration spreadsheet for funding of the
16 requested amount up to \$400,000 if additional money
17 becomes available. These provisionally-approved
18 projects shall be funded in the order of the scoring
19 priorities as money for restoration becomes available
20 during this fiscal year.

21 You have heard the Committee's
22 recommendation that all Restoration awards" -- and
23 we're going to go through this one by one, sort of
24 piecemeal fashion.

25 "You have heard the Committee's

1 recommendation that all Restoration awards for this
2 fiscal year be limited to \$400,000."

3 Is there any discussion about that cap? Is
4 there any discussion about the cap?

5 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those in favor?

7 There's no discussion. Is there --

8 TRUSTEE TOOLE: So moved.

9 TRUSTEE MARTIN: Yeah, I'll second.

10 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay. A motion by
11 Trustee Toole, a second by Trustee Martin.

12 If there's no discussion, all those in favor
13 say, "Aye."

14 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?

16 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing none, the motion
18 has carried.

19 (Off the record discussion between
20 Chairman Kickler and Ms. Lucasse.)

21 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: "You have heard the
22 Committee's recommendation that projects 1 through 14
23 be funded in the amount requested except that any
24 requests for greater than \$400,000 will only be
25 rewarded [sic] -- will only be awarded funding of

1 \$400,000."

2 Trustee Kumor?

3 TRUSTEE KUMOR: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: If you could recuse --

5 TRUSTEE KUMOR: Yes, sir.

6 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: -- yourself that would

7 be fantastic.

8 TRUSTEE KUMOR: (Complies and sits in
9 the audience.)

10 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Is there any discussion?

11 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

12 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Is there a motion to
13 accept the Committee's recommendation of projects 1
14 through 14 be funded in the amount requested except
15 that any requests for greater than \$400,000 will only
16 be awarded funding of \$400,000?

17 TRUSTEE MARTIN: So moved.

18 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you.

19 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Motion's been made by
21 Trustee Martin, and a second by Trustee Toole.

22 There is no discussion. All those in favor
23 say, "Aye."

24 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: Aye.
2 TRUSTEE HACKNEY: Aye.
3 TRUSTEE MARTIN: Aye.
4 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Aye.
5 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?
6 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)
7 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion is carried.
8 (Trustee Kumor returns to
9 Board meeting.)
10 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: "You have heard the
11 Committee's recommendation that the last project
12 funded, Project 2015-408, be funded with the amount
13 remaining from the amount available at this time and
14 that it be the first project eligible for additional
15 funding up to the total requested amount of \$250,000
16 as funds become available for Restoration projects."
17 Is there any discussion?
18 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)
19 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those -- all those
20 in favor say, "Aye."
21 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Do we have to move it?
22 I'll move that we adopt that recommendation.
23 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay.
24 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: I'll second it.
25 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: And seconded.

1 If there is no discussion, all those in
2 favor --

3 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Say, "Aye."

4 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: -- say, "Aye."

5 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed say,
7 "No."

8 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion has carried.

10 I forgot that when the Committee makes a
11 recommendation it already has a motion and a second.

12 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Okay, we can do that.

13 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: I was just trying to
14 move it along. Okay.

15 "You have heard the Committee recommendation
16 that Clean Water Management Trust Fund provisionally
17 approve each of the remaining projects set forth on
18 the Restoration spreadsheet for funding of the
19 requested amount up to \$400,000 if additional money
20 becomes available. Furthermore, the Committee
21 recommended that these provisionally-approved projects
22 be funded in the order of the scoring priorities as
23 money for Restoration projects becomes available
24 during this fiscal year."

25 Is there any discussion?

1 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Is there any discussion?

3 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those in favor say,

5 "Aye."

6 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?

8 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion has carried.

10 Okay. We are done with the Restoration

11 part, the Committee.

12 And I will recuse myself from the Innovative

13 Stormwater part of the Committee, and I hand the gavel

14 over to Trustee Toole, and I'll let you take over.

15 (Chairman Kickler sits in

16 the audience.)

17 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Thank you, Mr. Kickler.

18 "The Restoration/ISW Committee met on

19 November 19, 2015 and makes the following Innovative

20 Stormwater project recommendations: The Committee

21 recommends that the Clean Water Management Trust fund

22 Innovative Stormwater projects at the requested amount

23 with no cap.

24 The Committee recommends that the following

25 projects be funded in the amounts set forth below:

1 Project Number 2015-1003, North Carolina State
2 University - Innovative Stormwater/Converting Dry
3 Ponds to Constructed Stormwater Wetlands, in the
4 requested amount of \$2,000 [sic] -- \$202,657.

5 Project Number 2015-1004, Oak Island,
6 Innovative Stormwater/Septic Tank Stormwater Retrofit
7 Project, in the amount of \$89,688.

8 Project Number 2015-1002, Town of
9 Morrisville, Urban Stormwater Outfall Retrofit to
10 Improve Water Quality in the amount of \$101,077.

11 And Project Number 2015-1005, RiverLink,
12 Givens Estates, Dingle Creek Watershed."

13 And I think we also need to ask Trustee
14 Kumor to step aside.

15 TRUSTEE KUMOR: (Complies.)

16 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Thank you.

17 (Trustees Kumor and Martin
18 sit in the audience.)

19 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Let the record reflect
20 that Trustee Kumor has recused herself.

21 MS. LUCASSE: Excuse me.

22 TRUSTEE TOOLE: "The requested amount
23 there is \$310,775."

24 MS. LUCASSE: Trustee Toole?

25 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Yes, ma'am?

1 MS. LUCASSE: I also want the record
2 to reflect that Trustee Martin has recused himself
3 from a vote on this slate because of the conflict on
4 Project 2015-1004.

5 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Thank you.

6 MS. LUCASSE: And he has left the
7 table.

8 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Yes, thank you for
9 calling my attention to that.

10 "You have heard the Committee's
11 recommendation that the Clean Water Management Trust
12 fund Innovative Stormwater projects 1 through 4," as
13 read above, "at the requested amount with no cap."

14 Is there any discussion?

15 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

16 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Do I -- not needing a
17 motion, I call for the vote.

18 All in favor please say, "Aye."

19 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE HACKNEY: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Opposed?

25 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

1 TRUSTEE TOOLE: The decision is
2 unanimous, and the Trustees may return.

3 (Trustees Kumor and Martin
4 return to the Board meeting.)

5 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Trustee [sic] Kickler --

6 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Uh-huh (yes).

7 TRUSTEE TOOLE: -- we would like your
8 presence.

9 (Chairman Kickler returns
10 to the Board meeting.)

11 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Oh, that didn't take
12 long. Thank you, Trustee Toole.

13 All right. We have completed "Old Business
14 1." Now, we will move to "Old Business 2,
15 Consideration of Acquisition Committee Funding
16 Recommendations."

17 Okay. Again, I'll have to read these items.
18 And thank you for your patience, but this will give
19 people -- give Trustees who weren't on the Committee
20 yesterday or who weren't present an opportunity to see
21 the various projects that have been recommended to be
22 awarded money.

23 "The Acquisition Committee met on November
24 19th, 2015 and makes the following recommendations:
25 The Committee recommends that Clean Water Management

1 Trust Fund set aside \$100,000 from the amount
2 currently available for acquisitions to fund the
3 Donated Easement Program. And that the Administrative
4 Committee update the Donated Easement Program
5 guidelines to reflect the expanded mission of Clean
6 Water Management Trust Fund, allowing more projects to
7 qualify.

8 The Committee recommends that application
9 2015-801 City of Mebane, City Center Greenway Plan not
10 be funded.

11 The Committee Recommends that Clean Water
12 Management Trust Fund cap each acquisition funding
13 award at \$1,200,000.

14 The Committee recommends that the following
15 projects be funded in the amounts set forth below:

16 The 2015-038, the Nature Conservancy - Orton
17 Creek for \$1,172,000 [sic] -- \$1,172,960.

18 2015-035, Nature Conservancy - Bluff
19 Mountain Jones, \$1,200,000.

20 2015-007, Carolina Mountain Land
21 Conservancy - Bearwallow Mountain Phase IV, \$388,000.

22 2015-056, North Carolina Forest Service -
23 Headwaters of the East Fork of the French Broad River,
24 \$1,200,000.

25 2015-043, North Carolina Department of

1 Agriculture Plant Conservation Program - McIntosh Bay,
2 \$236,356.

3 2015-010, Catawba Lands Conservancy - Holly
4 Track Preserve, \$1,019,000.

5 2015-063, North Carolina Coastal Land
6 Trust - Waccamaw River/Campbell Group II, \$440,287.

7 2015-003, Blue Ridge Conservancy - Pond
8 Mountain Linkage, \$765,565.

9 2015-013, Conservation Fund - Cattail Peak,
10 \$1,200,000.

11 2015-047, North Carolina Division of Parks
12 and Recreation - Bullhead Mountain Additions,
13 \$192,000.

14 2015-064, Piedmont Land Conservancy - Faith
15 Rock, \$88,052.

16 2015-002, Blue Ridge Conservancy - Lillis
17 Property Acquisition - Middle Fork Greenway, \$196,192.

18 2015-012, Civil War Preservation Trust -
19 Averagesboro Battlefield - West and Kenlan Tracts,
20 \$71,660.

21 2015-040, Nature Conservancy - Sandhills
22 Juniper Creek - Haskell Tract, \$199,986.

23 2015-004, Blue Ridge Conservancy - Tater
24 Hill Bog Preserve Acquisition and Boundary Adjustment,
25 \$126,280.

1 2015-046, North Carolina Department of
2 Cultural Resources - Bentonville Battlefield - Cole,
3 Hollowell Tracts, \$483,736.

4 2015-020, Foothills Conservancy of North
5 Carolina - Sheila Adams - Left Prong Catawba,
6 \$186,797.

7 2015-014, Conservation Fund - Indian Creek,
8 \$1,200,000.

9 2015-023, City of Goldsboro - Seymour
10 Johnson Land Acquisition, \$28,900.

11 2015-021, Foothills Conservancy of North
12 Carolina - Whippoorwill Property, \$210,475.

13 2015-044, North Carolina Department of
14 Agriculture Plant Conservation Program - Paddy
15 Mountain Plant Conservation Preserve Cook Tract
16 Addition, \$514,134.

17 2015-048, North Carolina Division of Parks
18 and Recreation - Elk Knob State Park - Main Tract,
19 \$122,000.

20 2015-079, Tar River Land Conservancy -
21 Twelve Hawks, Fishing Creek, \$79,591.

22 2015-051, North Carolina Division of Parks
23 and Recreation - Lumber River - Big McQueen Tract,
24 \$400,000.

25 2015-059, North Carolina Wildlife Resources

1 Commission - Gibson and Poplin, \$263,576.

2 2015-072, Southern Appalachian Highlands
3 Conservancy - Weaverville Watershed at Eller Cove,
4 \$338,627.

5 2015-024, Land Trust for Central North
6 Carolina - Bennett Property, Barnes Creek Headwaters,
7 \$191,000.

8 2015-068, Sandhills Area Land Trust -
9 Glendon-Carthage Bridge Tract, \$310,043.

10 2015-066, Piedmont Land Conservancy -
11 Historic Bethania Church Properties, \$53,162.

12 In addition, the Committee recommends that
13 Project 2015-075 Tar River Land Conservancy, Gantt
14 Tract be awarded the remaining amount currently
15 available for acquisition funding and that when
16 additional funds are available from license plate
17 revenue or unencumbered funds, Project 2015-075 be
18 fully funded up to the requested amount of \$810,445.

19 The Committee recommends that the following
20 projects be funded from the \$1,000,000 special
21 appropriation set aside for military buffers in the
22 amounts set forth below:

23 Project 2015-070, Sandhills Area Land
24 Trust - Sanctuary, \$116,893.

25 Project 2015-039, Nature Conservancy -

1 Roxbury Associates, LLC, \$883,107.

2 Committee recommends that Clean Water
3 Management provisionally approve the following
4 projects up to the requested amount or \$1,200,000,
5 whichever is smaller, if additional money becomes
6 available. These provisionally-approved projects
7 shall be funded in the order of the scoring priorities
8 as money for acquisitions becomes available during
9 this fiscal year:

10 Project 2015-062, North Carolina Wildlife
11 Resources Commission - Shelton Tract, \$390,000.

12 Project 2015-015, Conservation Fund - Mashie
13 Stomp Creek, \$1,090,151.

14 Project 2015-017, Conservation Trust Fund
15 [sic] for North Carolina - Saddle Mountain Expansion,
16 \$222,553.

17 Finally, the Committee recommends that any
18 remaining funds that become available through June
19 30th, 2016 be moved forward to the 2016 grant cycle.

20 You have heard the Committee's
21 recommendation that Clean Water Management Trust Fund
22 set aside \$100,000 to fund the Donated Easement
23 Program and refer the Program to the Administrative
24 Committee to update the guidelines to reflect the
25 expansion of the Clean Water Management program."

1 Is there any discussion on that particular
2 recommendation?

3 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing none, all those
5 in favor say, "Aye."

6 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?

8 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion has carried.

10 "You have heard the Committee's
11 recommendation that all acquisition awards for this
12 fiscal year be limited to \$1,200 [sic]." Not at
13 \$1,200. The numbers are, you know, running together.
14 Sorry.

15 MR. TOOLE: We'll go deep now.

16 MR. GOSSAGE: Everybody gets
17 something, but not much.

18 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All right. Let me
19 restart. I-- my apologies. I didn't mean to scare
20 everyone.

21 "You have heard the Committee's
22 recommendation that all acquisition awards for this
23 fiscal year be limited to \$1,200,000."

24 Is there any discussion on this particular
25 recommendation?

1 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing none, all those
3 in favor say, "Aye."

4 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?

6 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion has been
8 carried to limit awards to \$1,200,000.

9 At this point, Trustee Dufour and Trustee
10 Cawood should recuse themselves.

11 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: (Complies.)

12 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: (Complies.)

13 (Trustees Dufour and Cawood
14 leave the room.)

15 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: "You have heard the
16 Committee's recommendation that projects 1 through 29
17 be funded in the amount requested except that any
18 requests for greater than \$1,200,000 will only be
19 awarded funding of \$1,200,000."

20 Is there any discussion on this particular
21 recommendation?

22 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing none, all those
24 in favor say, "Aye."

25 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE HACKNEY: Aye
2 TRUSTEE KUMOR: Aye.
3 TRUSTEE MARTIN: Aye.
4 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Aye.
5 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?
6 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)
7 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion has carried,
8 and they can return.
9 Trustee Dufour and Cawood return.
10 (Trustees Dufour and Cawood
11 return to Board meeting.)
12 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: "You have heard the
13 Committee's recommendation that Project 2015-075
14 (submitted by the Tar River Land Conservancy) be
15 awarded the remaining amount available for acquisition
16 funding and that when additional monies are available,
17 this project will receive additional funding up to the
18 requested amount of \$810,445."
19 Is there any discussion on this
20 recommendation?
21 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)
22 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing none, all those
23 in favor say, "Aye."
24 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.
25 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed say,

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"Nay."

BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion has carried.

"You have heard the Committee recommendation that Clean Water Management Trust fund projects 2015-070, Sandhills Area Land Trust Sanctuary Tract and 2015-039, The Nature Conservancy Roxbury Tract be funded from the \$1,000,000 special appropriations for military projects at \$116,893 and \$883,107 respectively."

Is there any discussion on this particular recommendation?

BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing none, all those in favor say, "Aye."

BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed say, "Nay."

BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion has carried.

Excuse me for one second.

"You have heard the Committee recommendation that Clean Water Management -- Clean Water Management Trust Fund provisionally approve projects 2015-062, 2015-015 and 2015-017 up to the requested amount or

1 \$1,200,000 if additional money becomes available.
2 Furthermore, the Committee recommended that these
3 provisionally-approved projects be funded in the order
4 of the scoring priorities as money for acquisitions
5 becomes available during this fiscal year."

6 Is there any discussion on this particular
7 recommendation?

8 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing none, all those
10 in favor say, "Aye."

11 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed say,
13 "Nay."

14 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion has carried.

16 "You have heard the Committee's
17 recommendation that any additional funds that become
18 available through June 30th, 2016 be carried forward
19 to the 2016 grant cycle."

20 Is there any discussion or comments on this
21 particular recommendation?

22 TRUSTEE MARTIN: Mr. Chairman?

23 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Yes.

24 TRUSTEE MARTIN: I just have one
25 question.

1 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Trustee Martin.

2 TRUSTEE MARTIN: Yes, Trustee Martin.

3 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay.

4 TRUSTEE MARTIN: So I was just wondering
5 what was the reasoning behind that -- just, you know,
6 given the fact that we have, like, \$40,000,000 of
7 requests. And what -- I just didn't -- wanted to know
8 why we wouldn't just continue funding down the line.
9 And what was the reasoning behind moving it to --
10 these funds over to next year?

11 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Trustee Bragg.

12 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Mr. Chairman, I do think
13 that that is the correct approach. And I'm not sure
14 exactly -- I think we were all getting a little bit
15 tired yesterday when that decision was made. It was
16 the last decision that was on the list.

17 So I would like to recommend that we
18 allocate those funds that come in down the line so as
19 not to carry over any of those funds. And, if you
20 want a motion to that effect -- or do you want more
21 discussion first?

22 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: I think we can have --
23 if you would like to make a motion that would be -- be
24 fine. A motion to amend?

25 TRUSTEE BRAGG: I would like to amend

1 the record so that additional funds that come in
2 throughout the year would be allocated according to
3 the request from the list provided.

4 Does that -- does that work?

5 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Subject to a cap of
6 \$1,200,000.

7 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Subject to the cap of
8 \$1,200,000.

9 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: So your motion is to --
10 a motion to amend that additional funds be allocated
11 from the 2015 cycle?

12 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Correct.

13 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Applied to 2015 cycle up
14 to \$1,200,000?

15 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Correct. For the
16 projects in order that they rank.

17 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: In order that they rank.

18 TRUSTEE MARTIN: Up to \$1,200,000 per
19 project -- I would just note that just so that --

20 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay. I'm going to read
21 this.

22 Okay. So Trustee Bragg has made a motion to
23 amend the recommendation that additional funds be
24 allocated -- I'm getting the motion down in clear
25 language. And I'll check with you, Trustee Bragg, to

1 make sure that that is your intent.

2 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Okay.

3 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Has that motion been
4 seconded yet? I'll second it.

5 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay.

6 TRUSTEE KUMOR: So, Mr. Chairman, just
7 to clarify, then, all of our funds are all going to --
8 we are all agreeing that all of our Committees will
9 spend all of our money down?

10 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: There's been a motion --

11 TRUSTEE KUMOR: Like we have -- yes.

12 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: -- to do that.

13 TRUSTEE KUMOR: To do --

14 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: We haven't voted.

15 TRUSTEE KUMOR: -- for both of us? For
16 Rec [*sic*] --

17 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Rest [*sic*] --

18 TRUSTEE KUMOR: -- for Acquisition and
19 for Restoration? Yeah. Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: That was already the
21 case for the Restoration one.

22 TRUSTEE KUMOR: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: And a motion has been
24 made to make that the case for it.

25 TRUSTEE KUMOR: So that -- so we're both

1 on that.

2 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: And do we know how much
3 money is coming in?

4 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Bryan would know that.

5 MR. GOSSAGE: Well, we have an
6 estimate of monthly license plate revenues. And,
7 again, we receive, approximately, \$375,000 on average
8 per month. And we also receive money that comes in
9 for projects that come in under budget. And so, you
10 know, we don't -- we have a crystal ball, but it's a
11 cloudy one. But, we -- you know, we can estimate that
12 there will be several million dollars, you know, that
13 come in.

14 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: Like, what if we go down
15 the line, we're going to be stopped by 32 and by 35.
16 Those two projects alone are requesting over five --
17 close to -- yeah, over \$5,000,000.

18 MR. GOSSAGE: Uh-huh (yes).

19 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: So to go back to the
20 Chairman's point, I mean, if we send that money back
21 up and if we fully fund the projects that we already
22 have, instead of going down, I think it would be more
23 productive. I mean, that's --

24 MR. GOSSAGE: And that's a decision
25 for the Board.

1 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: Yeah, I know this.

2 MR. GOSSAGE: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Well, we have a motion
4 on the table, and a second. But to clarify -- a
5 motion to amend that additional funds, as they become
6 available, be allocated to the 2015 cycle up to the
7 amount requested, or up to \$1,200,000 per project, in
8 order that they rank.

9 TRUSTEE BRAGG: One point of
10 clarification to speak to Fred's point. If the
11 request for the next project is greater than the
12 monies we have available, then it appears to me that
13 we should contact that request and see if they can
14 take less than the original amount they asked for --
15 if they asked for \$900,000 and we don't have but
16 \$600,000. So I think we should go in the ranking
17 order and allocate the funds, and, if they can't use
18 the money, then we go to the next one that's on the
19 list.

20 I mean, does that -- does that make good
21 sense, there?

22 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Uh-huh (yes).

23 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Okay.

24 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Well, we have a motion
25 to amend that funds as they become available be

1 allocated to the 2015 cycle up to the amount
2 requested, or up to \$1,200,000 per project, in order
3 that they rank. And we have had a second.

4 Is there any discussion on that motion that
5 amends the Committee's recommendation?

6 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Hearing none, all those
8 in favor of this amendment -- of this motion to amend
9 please say, "Aye."

10 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

11 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?

12 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

13 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion to amend has
14 been approved.

15 Thank you. That completes "Old Business 2,"
16 does it not?

17 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Mr. Chairman?

18 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Yes.

19 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Mr. Chairman?

20 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: What?

21 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Greer Cawood. And we
22 had asked for some additional information from Parks
23 and Recreation to be shared with the full Board based
24 on our discussion at the Acquisition Committee, and
25 was wondering if we had that information.

1 MR. GOSSAGE: Yes, we do.

2 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: I've been told that we
3 have to vote on the amended motion.

4 All those in favor say, "Aye."

5 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?

7 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: The motion is carried.

9 Thank you.

10 Now we have completed "Old Business 2."

11 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Mr. Chairman?

12 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: I'm sorry, Trustee
13 Cawood.

14 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Just --

15 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Can you state it again?

16 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Thank you. A point that
17 came up in the Acquisition Committee -- for the other
18 Board members -- as we know we have lots of amazing
19 projects that come before us, but we don't have nearly
20 the amount of funding to be able to fund these great
21 projects. And I just asked the question -- knowing
22 that we -- some of the great organizations that come
23 to us also get funding from the General Assembly, and
24 just wanted to clarify how much money the North
25 Carolina Division of Parks and Recreation currently

1 gets for acquisition projects, and how much they will
2 be getting through the upcoming bond campaign, if that
3 is indeed successful.

4 And no -- I did not ask this question
5 because I'm not a lover of state parks -- I am a lover
6 of state parks. But we just have such a small amount
7 of money. I want to make sure that we're using the
8 state's money in the best possible way. And so staff
9 was going to find out that information for us just so
10 that we are all aware of the public funds that are
11 going in for acquisition projects, both from us and
12 then also from state parks, so --

13 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you.

14 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Uh-huh (yes).

15 MR. GOSSAGE: Mr. Chairman, I have
16 that information if you're ready.

17 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay, I am ready.

18 MR. GOSSAGE: All right. So in an
19 email from Brian Strong, "We have for Fiscal Year
20 '15/'16, Part F approved land acquisition funding,
21 \$3,715,000.

22 The Connect NC Proposed Bond funding
23 allocated for land acquisition at NC State Parks,
24 \$14,000,000.

25 FY '16/'17, Part F funding potentially

1 available for land acquisition" -- and he notes that
2 these "funds are estimated based on using \$3,700,000
3 allocated to land acquisition in FY '15/'16, plus
4 \$3,200,000," which is a 50-50 split between capital
5 and land acquisition, from the additional \$6,500,000
6 Part F funds allocated to NC State Parks for FY
7 '16/'17 in the amount of \$6,900,000."

8 He notes that, "Please keep in mind that
9 Connect NC funds are contingent on the bond passing,
10 and that the 2016/'17 land acquisition numbers are
11 only an estimate and could change based on a number of
12 factors including maintenance needs or additional
13 capital improvement requests."

14 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you. Is there a
15 way that information can be --

16 MR. GOSSAGE: We can --

17 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: -- sent to Trustees?

18 MR. GOSSAGE: -- we can certainly
19 forward this on.

20 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Yes.

21 MR. GOSSAGE: And I don't know if
22 Brian is here today, and if you want to hear from him
23 if he is.

24 MR. STRONG: What was the question?

25 MR. GOSSAGE: I said I didn't know if

1 you were here today.

2 MR. STRONG: I am here.

3 MR. GOSSAGE: Or if the Chair wanted
4 you to say anything.

5 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Well, yeah, do you have
6 anything to add to the information that Bryan has just
7 give [*sic*] -- given us?

8 MR. STRONG: Sure. Sure. I've
9 given -- Brian Strong, North Carolina State Parks. I
10 will -- one thing about the bond is, the bond was --
11 we're very grateful for the bond, but the bond was a
12 25 percent reduction in our request. So, we'll have
13 to come up with the additional \$25,000,000 to complete
14 those projects -- both capital and land projects that
15 we requested. So that's another challenge that we'll
16 face. A good challenge, but a challenge we'll have to
17 face.

18 And, again, that we -- and we appreciate
19 the additional \$10,000,000. Four million (\$4,000,000)
20 of that was -- six -- excuse me -- \$6,000,000 of that
21 was a one-time bump-up in -- in the Parks and
22 Recreation Trust Fund for 2016 and '17. The
23 \$4,000,000 would be reoccurring, just to -- to get an
24 idea. So that's \$6,000,000 of the \$10,000,000 --
25 again, there's a split, too, that goes to local

1 grants.

2 So, again, just to clarify those numbers,
3 you know, 20 [sic] -- you said the crystal ball of
4 2016/'17, it's our best estimate.

5 So any questions, I'd be happy to answer.

6 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Mr. Chairman, I have a
7 question.

8 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Yes, sir.

9 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Mr. Strong -- Bill
10 Toole -- what types of projects are you looking at?
11 And I know you don't have the money, but can you just
12 give us a flavor of the types of acquisitions projects
13 you all have in mind?

14 MR. STRONG: So I can provide a list
15 for the bond projects, the \$14,000,000.

16 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Just a brief overview.

17 MR. STRONG: Those are -- I think
18 it's eight different parks. And so we have everything
19 from specific projects -- we would -- we try to have
20 projects in hand for those, rather than -- because the
21 funding would be available. So the largest chunk of
22 that will be for the Mountain to Sea Trail,
23 \$4,500,000. We have projects at Yellow Mountain and
24 for a suite of different parks -- I think around seven
25 or eight different parks. So, that would be the bond

1 money, the \$14,000,000.

2 The \$3,700,000 has already been allocated to
3 projects, and part of that money is costs. You know,
4 part of the cost share is the match for Clean Water
5 and helping in other grants.

6 And, again, the \$6,900,000 -- we have not --
7 there are a number of projects that we have on the --
8 on the record, including projects at Hammonds Beach
9 that we're still -- you know, the three --
10 \$200,000,000 that we still owe the -- our folks -- our
11 partners on that. And so there is a number of
12 projects that we have and will start to work on those.

13 TRUSTEE TOOLE: Thank you.

14 MR. STRONG: And, hopefully, we can
15 cost match for the Clean Water projects.

16 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Are there any other
17 questions for Mr. Strong?

18 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay. We'll move on to
20 the next agenda item, which is "Public Comments."

21 At this time, the public is invited to make
22 comments to the Board. You will have three minutes to
23 make your public comment, and I'll be keeping time.
24 And I don't mean to be rude, but when it gets to three
25 minutes, I will let you know that your time is up.

1 And if you do want to make a public comment,
2 please identify yourself, for the record, and any
3 organization that you are associated with.

4 MR. HOLMAN: Mr. Chairman?

5 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: And you would need to go
6 to the podium, as well. Thank you.

7 MR. HOLMAN: Good morning.

8 I'm Bill Holman. I'm the North Carolina
9 State Director for The Conservation Fund, but I'm
10 really appearing today on behalf of The Land for
11 Tomorrow Coalition, which includes the Conservation
12 Fund, The Nature Conservancy, and the Conservation
13 Trust for North Carolina, the Friends of State Parks,
14 the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, and the North
15 Carolina Recreation and Park Association.

16 This is -- we're the broad coalition that
17 tries to make the case to the governor and the general
18 assembly for more funding for the Clean Water
19 Management Trust Fund and the Park and Recreation
20 Trust Fund, and the Agricultural Development and
21 Farmland Preservation Trust Fund.

22 And, I think, thanks to a very hardworking
23 Board and a hardworking staff we're able to make the
24 case to the general assembly that increases are
25 needed, and will be well spent. And we're very

1 pleased the general assembly did provide a \$5,000,000
2 increase to Clean Water Management Trust Fund this
3 session. It's a non-recurring one, but we're going to
4 work hard with you and all our partners to go back to
5 general assembly next summer and ask to make that
6 \$5,000,000 non-recurring, recurring, and also ask that
7 the military funding be made recurring and increased.

8 So -- and as Mr. Strong has pointed out
9 earlier, that there was also increase in the Park and
10 Recreation Trust Fund. And we're thrilled that state
11 parks is included in the -- well, it was state and
12 local parks -- the \$78,000,000 for the state and local
13 parks in the bond package that will be put to the
14 voters in March. And we'll be working, you know, with
15 the governor and the whole NC Connect Bond Campaign to
16 try to get the -- to get the voters to see the wisdom
17 in those investments. And not only Park and
18 Recreation and the zoo, but the water and wastewater
19 infrastructure, and the universities and community
20 colleges.

21 The other thing I take -- we -- it was
22 overall a very good session, I think, for -- for land
23 and water conservation in North Carolina. And we're
24 very much -- again, very appreciative of general
25 assembly for making those investments. We were

1 disappointed and surprised with the cuts in the
2 Natural Heritage Program. Those came very late in the
3 session. We didn't really have an opportunity to
4 respond, and we hope to work with the Department of
5 Natural and Cultural Resources to make a case in the
6 general assembly in the short session to restore
7 funding for that very critical program that -- we
8 certainly use the information, but we know a lot of
9 businesses in our state and our Department of
10 Transportation, among others, rely on that Natural
11 Heritage data to make good -- good land-use decisions.

12 So -- and just one other final note. We're
13 also working at the national level. We have a
14 champion in Senator Burr. He's the -- he's the
15 primary sponsor of a reauthorization of the Land Water
16 Conservation Fund. And he's been working very hard to
17 get that federal -- critical federal funding to keep
18 flowing so that we have some federal match to do some
19 land and water conservation projects at the state and
20 local level across the state.

21 So, thanks for your hard work the last
22 couple days, and hope to see you soon.

23 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you. Two minutes,
24 58 seconds.

25 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Mr. Chairman, is it too

1 late to make a comment as a Trustee?

2 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Well, I'm going to --

3 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Are you going to --

4 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: It's pub [sic] -- it's
5 public comment time and then I'll ask Trustees --

6 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: -- if they have any
8 comments.

9 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Well, I could go with
10 the public side, too.

11 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: There's some --

12 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Is there any other --
13 yes, sir?

14 MR. NORRIS: George Norris with
15 Wildlife Resources Commission.

16 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Okay, yes. And when you
17 get up to the podium, please identify yourself, again,
18 for the record.

19 MR. NORRIS: Again, I'm George Norris
20 with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.
21 And I didn't plan on speaking, but I just wanted to
22 defend my competition. Don't worry, it'll never
23 happen again.

24 You were concerned about how much money the
25 parks also got from the state. And I think that's a

1 good question to look at allocation. I'd just ask you
2 all to remember, and you well know that you can't do
3 it all. We need that match. So for parks projects to
4 go through, that parks funding is critical for the
5 match to make the project happen. It's critical in
6 the score that rises.

7 I mean, even -- you could have a great
8 project. If you have a poor match, it won't rise. So
9 look at it in that context. We're in a comparable
10 boat. We don't have access to Part F funds, but we
11 have -- we, Wildlife Resources Commission, has access
12 to Pittman-Robertson Federal Funds. So, when we come
13 to you, that's a source we can go to for a match.
14 And, if we don't have that match, I don't think you're
15 going to fund much of our projects.

16 So keep in mind, yes, if there are other
17 state funds, but they're -- they're funds from someone
18 other than you, and someone's got to lift some weight
19 other than you. So, first point.

20 And the second point is a more selfish one.
21 I'd like to reiterate what Bill said about Natural
22 Heritage staff. Personally, I'm phenomenally
23 disappointed that that happened. As the primary land
24 acquisition guy for the Wildlife Resources Commission,
25 those guys put bullets in my belt.

1 And, back to that match I was just talking
2 about. When I apply for federal money for red
3 cockaded woodpecker projects in the Sandhills and
4 Scott Pohlman goes out there and verifies what I think
5 might be there, or tells me things that are not there,
6 North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is more
7 competitive for federal funding. When people like him
8 are taken away from me, I'm chopped off at the knees.
9 So, I certainly hope that whatever ability you have,
10 that you contact the legislature and let them know
11 that that Heritage staff is very critical for
12 leveraging the funds that you provide.

13 That's it, thanks.

14 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you.

15 Is there anyone else who would like to make
16 a public comment?

17 MR. MASSIE: Mr. Chairman, if I
18 might.

19 Tom Massie, Western Field Rep, Clean Water
20 Management Trust Fund. And I know you all haven't
21 heard from me today and I'm about to bust. I'd hate
22 for you all not -- to get away without hearing from me
23 today after yesterday and the last sessions.

24 I just want to -- you know, I've been around
25 since the inception of the program. Eighteen (18)

1 years now -- I've seen a lot of people come and go.
2 I've seen a lot of changes in the program. We've gone
3 through some significant changes over the last four
4 years, going from an independent organization to DENR,
5 now to Culture [sic] -- Natural and Cultural
6 Resources. And in that time we've lost some people
7 out there and had to bring some people in.

8 And I just want to express my appreciation
9 to the people that have been serving as field reps for
10 the last two years -- one and two years. The Scott
11 Pohlman, the Judy Francis, the Jimmy Johnson -- I
12 think it speaks to their professionalism, the way that
13 they could do their regular jobs, and step in and do a
14 job in Clean Water that they've had no training for;
15 step in there and do it as seamless as they have for
16 the last two years, so that we could do our work and
17 carry it forward so we provide you with good
18 information so you can make good decisions.

19 And I think I speak -- I know I speak for
20 all the staff for Clean Water that we appreciate the
21 job that you all have done, and we miss you. And I
22 know that the Trustees appreciate the fact that I
23 haven't had to give 100 of these presentations for the
24 last two years and had to listen to me this whole
25 time.

1 So, thank you for your time.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. CROWELL: Troy?

4 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Yes.

5 MR. CROWELL: Thank you, Mr. Chairman
6 and Trustees. My name is Bill Crowell. I'm the
7 director of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary
8 Partnership, and was former deputy director of Clean
9 Water Management Trust Fund.

10 I just wanted to take a moment to thank you
11 for the opportunity to work with you over the past
12 year and half. And I want to really commend that --
13 the staff of Clean Water Management Trust Fund, and
14 let you know that they are an exemplary staff in the
15 State of North Carolina; that they are one of the most
16 conscientious stewards of our public monies that I've
17 ever met in state government. They work hard every
18 day to make it easy for each of you to come to these
19 meetings. And I know what you went through yesterday,
20 but make it easy on each of you to make that decision.
21 They work behind the scenes with all the applicants to
22 make sure that the applications are the best
23 applications that can come forth to fulfill the
24 mission of Clean Water Management Trust Fund. So, I
25 just wanted to recognize that they do that and make

1 sure you are aware of that.

2 Secondly, as director of Albemarle-Pamlico
3 National Estuary Partnership, that I am looking
4 forward to continuing our relationship with Clean
5 Water Management Trust Fund as you move -- as you've
6 just moved into a new department, and we are currently
7 in the Department of Environmental Quality. We've had
8 a long partnership of working with projects throughout
9 the watersheds that we share, and over time, using
10 some of those projects as match on our federal grant.

11 I hope we will be able to continue that
12 partnership and I look forward to working with you.

13 Thanks.

14 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you.

15 Is there anyone else who would like to make
16 a public comment?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Seeing none, thank you.

19 Well, I -- does any Trustee have any comment
20 he or she would like to make or any questions?

21 TRUSTEE BRAGG: Yes --

22 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Yes, Trustee Bragg.

23 TRUSTEE BRAGG: -- Mr. Chairman. Frank
24 Bragg.

25 I would like to make -- and to reiterate

1 what Tom said about our staff. I mean, it's just a
2 pleasure to come down and see the professional work
3 that the staff has done. It looks easy on the day you
4 presented it, but I know it's taken a lot of work.

5 I would like to maybe revisit some things,
6 such as how we score the projects. I don't know how
7 many years it's been -- two or three -- since we have
8 done this. Yesterday, when we got to the section
9 where we had so many tied scores, I think, maybe, if
10 we just did 69.1 and 69.2 -- some -- something there
11 so they're not exactly tied. That, kind of, stumped
12 us some.

13 And it seems that the public access has
14 become -- and the education component have become so
15 important with all our projects. So maybe if we
16 could, without reinventing the wheel, look at how we
17 score the projects, just to be sure we're doing them
18 the very best way.

19 The other area that was a little bit
20 confusing is, when you look at the score of a
21 Restoration project, it's really not comparable to a
22 score with Acquisition project. And maybe we can come
23 up with a way to make that get as close as we can to
24 being comparable.

25 The other area I would like for us to

1 consider -- and I've talked to Greer about this --
2 Acquisition Committee taking a look at the
3 percentages. When you look at the total number of
4 products [sic] and requests that we had -- the dollar
5 amounts -- obviously acquisition is huge.

6 And we also want to be sure we're getting
7 the very best use of our monies. Restoration
8 projects -- there are some that are fantastic that are
9 economic engines for greenways and cities, such as the
10 Little Sugar Creek Project in Charlotte. But then
11 there are others that are pretty remote, and sections
12 of streams that may end -- may not stand the test of
13 time to be a good use of our money. Whereas land
14 acquisition is permanent and we know that's going to
15 remain forever, and serve the state well.

16 So those are my suggestions and I hope
17 they're well received.

18 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Any Trustee have any
19 other comments?

20 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Bryan, I know you wanted
22 to --

23 MR. GOSSAGE: Yeah. I --

24 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: -- wanted to say a few
25 words.

1 MR. GOSSAGE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

2 As always, I want to thank staff for their
3 hard work to make the meeting happen. As was said,
4 there -- you know, things go well on the annual
5 fund -- during the funding annual [sic] -- annual
6 funding meetings because of the hard work that the
7 staff does throughout the year. And it really is an
8 annual process. You know, we sit down and look at
9 calendars and plan out meetings a year in advance.
10 And so they're working hard all year long to make
11 today successful.

12 And Tom stole my thunder a little bit. I do
13 want to thank the staff members who aren't part of the
14 Clean Water Management Trust Fund, officially, but who
15 still went above and beyond and spent their time to --
16 to get out there into the field and do that field
17 work, and the site visits, and take the photos, and
18 write up the summaries, and do the research. And
19 that's on top of the work that they already have. And
20 so I want to thank you both. And there are others who
21 aren't here today but who gave presentations. And so
22 I want to thank all that staff as well.

23 And for those of you who won't be with us at
24 the next meeting, you'll -- you will be missed. And
25 so thank you very much, and thank you all.

1 That's all, Mr. Chairman.

2 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: So, I -- just one more
3 time. Any Trustees have any comments to make or
4 questions?

5 TRUSTEE TOOLE: I'd like to echo all
6 that's been said about, especially, some of the staff.
7 At the Acquisition [sic] -- at the Innovative
8 Stormwater meeting, I made a point of thanking the
9 staff for phenomenal preparation that they sent to us.
10 I wanted to say that in front of the full Board.
11 It's -- it was -- it makes my life -- which is all I
12 care about is my life --

13 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: Thanks, Bill.

14 TRUSTEE TOOLE: -- so much simpler to
15 get such a complete package in one single spot. I
16 mean, and there's a lot of work that went into it. I
17 just wanted to bring that out in front of the full
18 Board. So thank you again for that.

19 And the -- the work that goes in -- the
20 opinions that are developed from -- that are very
21 professional, are greatly appreciated. And I just
22 wanted to make that clear. It is -- it helps guide my
23 thinking a lot to know that you all have spent as much
24 time is as clear as you have, yet making sure we're
25 getting good product. But then having known that you

1 all struggled with it really helps me a lot, so thank
2 you.

3 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Thank you, Trustee
4 Toole.

5 Any other Trustees?

6 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Well, is there a motion
8 to adjourn?

9 TRUSTEE CAWOOD: So moved.

10 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Motion by --

11 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: Second.

12 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: -- Trustee Cawood. A
13 second?

14 TRUSTEE DUFOUR: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: Second by Trustee
16 Dufour.

17 I don't think there's any discussion on
18 that, so all those in favor say, "Aye."

19 BOARD TRUSTEES: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: All those opposed?

21 BOARD TRUSTEES: (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN KICKLER: We are adjourned.

23 *(The meeting concluded at 10:21 a.m.)*

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