

**Windsor, North Carolina  
October 14, 2019  
JOINT MEETING**

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners RECESSED its meeting on Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> in order to meet in a joint meeting today with the Town of Windsor inside the Windsor Town Hall located at 128 S. King Street, Windsor, NC. The following members were present or absent:

Present: Ronald "Ron" Wesson, I  
Tammy A. Lee, District III  
John Trent, District IV  
Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore, District V

Absent: Greg Atkins, District II

Staff Present: County Manager Scott Sauer  
Assistant County Manager Juan Vaughan, II.  
Clerk to the Board Sarah Tinkham  
Finance Director William Roberson  
TGOW Project Manager Robin Payne  
IT Administrator Scott Pearce

Windsor Town Council present: David Overton  
Camille Rascoe  
Randy Whitaker  
Randy Walston

Absent: Cathy Wilson

Town of Windsor Staff: James "Jim Hoggard, Mayor  
Allen Castelloe, Town Administrator

No media members were present.

## **RECONVENE**

Mayor Hoggard reconvened the Windsor Town Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Trent reconvened the Bertie County Board of Commissioners.

## **INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Randy Whitaker, Windsor Town Commissioner, gave the Invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Special presentation – Mayor James “Jim” Hoggard

Mayor Hoggard asked for Bertie County Manager Sauer to step forward.

In honor of his upcoming retirement, Mr. Sauer was presented with a “key to the city,” and Mayor Hoggard thanked him for his service to Bertie County. He described a “very positive working relationship” with the County and Town since he was appointed as County Manager in 2013.

The Town Board also expressed their thanks for County Manager Sauer’s dedication to the County over the last 6 years.

## **Dr. Stan Riggs – Flood Dynamics in the Bertie Water Crescent – Report #2**

NC LOW representatives Dr. Stan Riggs and Dr. Robert Christian presented a joint report to the governing bodies of the Town of Windsor and Bertie County, noting that Bertie County has world class waters in the Roanoke River, Cashie River, Salmon Creek, Chowan River and the Albemarle Sound. Dr. Riggs envisions the Bertie – Windsor Water Crescent being recognized as part of the National Water Trail System in the near future.

Dr. Riggs explained that his professional career began in 1964, and that he has learned that in eastern North Carolina we cannot stop the storms and flood events, but we can strive to minimize the impacts.

He referred to the project structure as a three-legged stool, noting that the first leg is the nature based eco-tourism and is reflected in the first NC LOW report, “From Rivers to the Sound in the

Bertie Water Crescent.” Dr. Riggs strongly encouraged the audience to revisit this report and its focus on the five recommended water hubs:

- 1) Windsor on the Cashie River -- Water Hub Number One.
- 2) Sans Souci on the Lower Cashie River Estuary -- Water Hub Two.
- 3) Salmon Creek Rivers to Sounds -- Water Hub Three.
- 4) Weeping Mary on the Roanoke River -- Water Hub Four.
- 5) Colerain on the Chowan River Estuary -- Water Hub Five.

The second leg of the stool is the educational component which focused on professional development training for the science teachers in the Bertie County school system. Referring to topographic maps without designations for streets or towns, he explained the challenge of teaching “what in your back yard and where do you live?” from a nature-based perspective.

The third leg of the stool, as described by Dr. Riggs is the “flood dynamics component” and the relationship of weather events (storms and rainfall), tidal impacts from the Albemarle Sound and the connectivity with the natural flow of the rivers which make up the Bertie Water Crescent.

He also spoke of the manmade storms and flooding events impacting Bertie County, especially the water flow management of the Kerr Lake dam and flood damage on the lower Roanoke River. Dr. Riggs reviewed several historical charts detailing the flow pattern of the Roanoke River and the connectivity with the Albemarle Sound.

Dr. Riggs presentation also included historical weather charts from various tropical storms and hurricanes impacting the flow of the Cashie River and flooding for the Town of Windsor.

Dr. Riggs and Dr. Christian both complimented the joint leadership and cooperation of elected officials representing Bertie County and the Town of Windsor for their support of this project.

There was a brief discussion with comments from various Commissioners.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner Wesson made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. Commissioner Lee **SECONDED** the motion. The **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

The Chairman **ADJOURNED** the meeting at approximately 6:05 PM.

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John Trent, Chairman

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Sarah Tinkham, Clerk to the Board