



**Meeting Summary**  
**LAND USE AND ACCESS COMMITTEE**

**January 11, 2012, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Centennial Campus, Raleigh**

**Attendees:**

David W. Hoyle, Jr.	Wendell (Dell) Murphy	Tommy Clark	Todd Ewing
W. Ray White	Mitch St. Clair, Sr.	Brian Brannon	Kyle Briggs
Joe C. Barker, III	Durwood S. Laughinghouse	John Barbour	Bob Curry
Wes Seegars	John T. Coley, IV	Mark Hamlett	Kate Pipkin
W. Douglas Parsons (Chair)	Thomas A. Berry	Erik Christofferson	Tommy Hughes
Nat T. Harris, Jr.	Mark Craig.	Jeff Cantrell	Isaac Harold
Jim Cogdell	Gordon Myers	Brad Gunn	Wib Owen
Dalton D. Ruffin	Mallory Martin	Lisa Hocutt	Dick Ludington
Hayden Rogers	Cecilia Edgar	George Norris	Lisa Riegel
Steve Windham	David Cobb	Chris Dillon	Fred Harris

- 1:00 p.m. The Land Use and Access Committee (LUAC) convened with introductory comments by Commission Chairman David Hoyle, Jr.
- 1:05 p.m. **State Property Office update.** Mr. John Barbour, WRC Property Agent in the SPO gave an update and explanation of the land acquisition process and the role of the SPO in our land protection efforts.
- 1:15 p.m. **Committee review process for land acquisition requests.** Dr. Cobb reviewed the expanded approach staff will be using to make recommendations for land acquisitions to the WRC. Appropriate staff will bring recommendations to the LUAC, and if approved by the LUAC to the full WRC, for initial engagement with the SPO. Once all details of the acquisition has been worked out, staff will bring each acquisition back to the LUAC and full WRC for final consideration. At the request of the committee, staff will include in the second recommendation estimated stewardship costs and revenues.

- 1:30 p.m.           **Proposed land acquisitions.** Dr. Cobb reviewed Exhibit D containing 6 recommendations for acquisitions. As part of the discussion, Dr. Cobb also presented planned requests from the Natural Heritage Trust Fund for the upcoming grant period; 4 of the 6 acquisition requests require WRC approve before proceeding. The LUAC approved all acquisitions in Exhibit D, for a vote by the entire WRC. Dr. Cobb also gave an update on the Whittaker Tract including a new funding model. No action was required on this matter.
- 1:50 p.m.           **Headwaters Tract.** Director Myers led a discussion of the Headwaters Tract and current efforts within the state to pursue its acquisition. Information was also contributed to the discussion by Ms. Lisa Riegel, NHTF; Mr. Wib Owen, NCDA&CS; and Mr. Dick Ludington, The Conservation Fund. Mr. Owen explained the NCDA&CS's intent to pursue funding for acquiring a portion of this tract and requested WRC support of those efforts. After considerable discussion the LUAC voted to support NCDA&CS's efforts to acquire funding for this acquisition and instructed Director Myers to rank that tract relative to those being submitted by the WRC to the NHTF for funding.
- 2:30 p.m.           **PCS Phosphate Conservation Easement.** Mr. Tommy Hughes presented an update on agency efforts to work with PCS Phosphate regarding transfer of mitigation lands to the WRC. Positive negotiations continue, but much work remains to be done to work out the details of establishing these mitigation lands. Mr. Hughes will continue to represent the WRC and report back as appropriate. No action was required on this matter.
- 2:40 p.m.           **Chowan Swamp buildings.** At the WRC's request, DWM and Division of Engineering Services staff re-evaluated the building on Chowan Swamp GL for its potential use and the costs of refurbishment. Total costs to bring the building to code are estimated at \$93,000. Because of the negative cost/benefit ratio, the LUAC directed staff to dispose of the building through state surplus property if feasible. A motion to proceed will be brought before the entire WRC at the January 12, 2012 meeting.
- 2:50 p.m.           **Memorial request at Upper Barton's Creek PFA.** Mr. Bob Curry presented a recommendation for establishment of a memorial at the Upper Barton's Creek PFA in memory of a local man who drowned at that site. All expenses would be paid by the family. Establishment of this memorial would not detract from operation of the PFA. The LUAC approved this recommendation and will bring a motion before the WRC for action at the January 12, 2012 meeting.
- 3:00 p.m.           The LUAC adjourned.