

CAPE MOHICAN TRUSTEE COUNCIL MEETING

November 6, 2001

Attendees:

Kolleen Bannon, Nick Franco, Don Kane, Mary Scott, Michael Sowby
John Tarpley, Ed Ueber, Dan Welsh, Tamara Whittington

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

August 10 – Dan proposed revisions; the council approved the minutes as revised.
May 2 – Minutes approved.

Budget:

Tammy passed out budget tables showing how much money each agency has received to date. National Park Service (NPS) hasn't charged salary to Cape Mohican since 1999. A total of \$59K being held for NPS, which will be used for project management or go back to NRDA. Tammy asked for \$8K in FY01, and this number is included in overall NPS surplus (it somehow didn't get charged against the \$59K). John indicated that he may need more funds for FY01. Nick said that the \$7K was probably enough for this fiscal year (may also use for project management). Dan estimated that there was \$22K left for this FY, but if the project goes to another office, there will be increased charges. Kolleen needs to estimate travel, salary and overhead expenses and will provide them via email. Everyone needs to identify FY02 needs in the next two weeks.

Tammy needs the agendas for the August 10 and June 27 meetings for her files. Tammy expressed appreciation for the council's support while she was out of the office.

Public Review Comments:

- Sierra Club letter given to Tammy to draft response.
- Don distributed transcript of public meeting.
- Recent Marin IJ article described other funding for Hamilton Field (44.5 million for 1,000 acres as part of energy and water bill); need to add this as footnote to the final RP/EA.
- Don to do overall summary of public comment (number letters received, general comments, number of comments at public meeting, length of public comment period).
- Council assigned comment responses to public hearing comments as follows:
 - Bach's comments on Piers 94 and 98 – John to draft response, e.g. revise project description (acreage that benefit) in document, does not rule out funds in future, cost of project relative to benefits.
 - Benjamin's comments on contracting – Tammy to draft generic response. Need to outline the methods by which the projects may get done, varying from in-

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- house, cooperative agreement, RFPs, contracting.
 - Bennett's comments regarding Crissy Field and Giacomini – Mary to respond, e.g. Big Lagoon separately funded, Crissy Field is not restoration project, rather a stewardship projects to compensate for lost human use.
 - Wenninger comments on Red Rock – John to respond.
 - Feinstein comments – Mary to do portion related to Crissy Field, John to handle piers 94 and 98 and Red Rock.
 - Johnson comments – Don to respond. Also, need to correct project numbers with map index in final plan.
 - Gravanis – John respond to Red Rock and pier 98, Mary to respond to Crissy Field
 - Rump comments on piers 94 and 98 – John to respond.
- Council assigned responses to written comments as follows:
 - Sydeman – John to respond regarding Red Rock. Focus on relationship to cormorants impacted by the spill, that is, replace lost resources; question of whether the project would still be feasible if the bridge does not impact the birds. Dan to respond to everything else other than Red Rock.
 - Citizen's Committee to Complete the Refuge – Dan to respond.
 - Remainder of letters supportive of Crissy Field project – Don to do generic thank you reply.

Schedule:

- Draft response letters to council by Dec. 7, 2001.
- Reply back to authors by Dec. 14, 2001
- Send final letters to Don Kane by Dec. 21, 2001
- Summary of public comment and responses, to be compiled by Don, due to council by Jan. 7, 2002
- Comments due back to Don by Jan. 14, 2002
- Final RP/EA out to Council by Jan. 21, 2002
- Kolleen to put on NOAA website Jan. 21, 2002

Draft FONSI to be done by Kolleen; she will coordinate with Kathy regarding CEQA requirements and state clearinghouse review period. (See page 90 of the draft document for further details regarding finalizing the document.) When document is final, will send out post cards as to availability of document, with deadline for requesting.

The Council agreed that the table on page 29 will be expanded to include estimated allocation for each project.

Administrative Record:

Need to expand record through Jan. 21. Becky and Tamara are lead; to include minutes of meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Feb. 27, 2002, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at NOAA office.