

DELAWARE BAY BEACH WORK GROUP

APRIL 8, 2011

SENATE HEARING ROOM, DOVER

10:00 – 1:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Presentation by JMT, Bay Beach Economic Analysis contractor – Jim Eisenhardt
  2. A review of the short term recommendations – Senator Brian Bushweller and Senator Gary Simpson
  3. Establishment of a work group to develop a decision making matrix for erosion - Senator Brian Bushweller and Senator Gary Simpson
  4. Establishment of a work group to develop a decision making matrix for drainage - Senator Brian Bushweller and Senator Gary Simpson
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Call to Order – Senator Bushweller – Delaware Bay Beach Work Group – Purpose of Meeting

Tony Pratt

Introduction - Jim Eisenhardt – Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson

- Presentation – Economic Analysis of the Delaware Bay Shoreline Management Alternatives (Presentation posted on the Delaware Bay Beach Work Group Website)

Recognition of new Work Group members - Gene Donaldson and Ralph Reeb – DelDOT

Senator Bushweller – Agenda Item #2 – Review Short Term Recommendations

Agenda Items 3 and 4 are part of the short term recommendations. One of the most significant of the short term recommendations had to do with the implementation of the PBS&J Study.

Tony Pratt - PBS&J identified the borrow areas in deeper waters so that the commercial dredges could get in and out more readily and that they had good quality sand. We are pursuing the identification of those areas, the permitting of those areas and we are well into that. PBS&J calls for the first phase of the two will be done FY 2013/14. We are on track to have that done.

Senator Simpson – The Governor did delete \$1.1 million in beach replenishment funds out of this year's budget. Legislators will be attempting to get that back into the budget.

Tony Pratt - Agenda Item #3 – Establishing a matrix for erosion before the study by JMT would be premature. Tony made a recommendation that the Work Group wait until the fall to organize a group. The Delaware Bay Beach Work Group agrees with that recommendation.

Frank Piorko - Agenda Item #4 - Handout given – Delaware Bay Beach Communities Drainage Assessment – Scope of Services (Posted on Delaware Bay Beach Work Group Website)

Frank Piorko will organize the matrix sub-committee work group for drainage and will present those names serving on the sub-committee to Senator Bushweller and Senator Simpson. Senator Bushweller expressed that he would like members of the communities to be involved in this sub-committee. Senator Simpson expressed that a couple of students from Delaware State should be involved as part of their education. Mike Costello is interested in being a part of the sub-committee per Senator Bushweller.

All meetings will be posted on the Delaware Bay Beach Work Group website. Meeting dates and times are also available by accessing the State of Delaware Public Calendar at <http://delaware.gov/egov/calendar.nsf>. Work Group meetings are posted on the Public Calendar 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Senator Bushweller – We would like to meet quarterly but that would put us in the middle of summer the suggested next meeting is September 16, 2011.

**Next Meeting – September 16, 2011 – 10:00 – 1:00 pm – Senate Hearing Room, Legislative Hall, Dover**