

MEETING SUMMARY
NC Mountain Resources Technical Advisory Council
September 17, 2010
11:00 – Noon

Members Present: Andy Brown, Bill Yarborough, Bill Eaker, Steve Tedder, Karen Smith, DJ Gerken, Walter Clark, Paul Muller, David Ray, Rick Wooten, Jim Fox,. Eric Romaniszyn, Marvin Hoffman

Others Present: Judy Francis, Roger Edwards, David Gantt, Maxine Dalton

Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Gantt introduced himself as the Chairman of the Mountain Resources Commission and welcomed all in attendance. He thanked each new appointee to the Technical Advisory Council for their willingness to serve the Commission. He then asked for a brief introduction from each attendee.

Once the introductions were concluded, Maxine Dalton explained that the Spring Creek Community Center was once used as a school many years ago but was now used by many groups as a meeting facility. She shared a handout about the Spring Creek community.

Chairman Gantt asked if there were any questions before proceeding with the meeting. Bill Eaker asked if technical advisors would be getting any compensation. Chairman Gantt responded by saying that the enabling legislation does state that technical advisors are eligible for per diem compensation, but no money is currently allocated for that in the state budget. He also recommended that the technical advisors meet regularly and keep abreast of Commission activities. Judy Francis said it might be a good idea for the Technical Council to meet at the same time as the Commission or at least attend Commission meetings so they are there to answer any questions that may come up during meetings.

Overview of Commission & Goals

Judy Francis provided a PowerPoint presentation that described the purpose of the Mountain Resources Commission and gave background information on their enabling legislation and the outcomes of their recent strategic planning work session. The commission is an advisory body that does not have legislative authority. They have appointed the technical council to assist them in achieving their strategic goals. She explained that the Commission members had formed four standing committees (fund-raising, legislative, outreach & education, and administrative) and all were working on various projects and may enlist the technical advisors to assist them.

The immediate issue the Technical Council needs to address is its own organization. The legislation specifies that the Council may elect its own Chair and Vice-Chair. Bill Eaker made a motion to nominate Jim Fox as the Chairman and David Ray as the Vice-Chairman of the

Technical Advisory Council. There was discussion about what the roles of these positions would be. It was determined that members would like to know more about each other before deciding the leadership issue, so each member will circulate a 2-3 paragraph to to the council membership prior to the next meeting so all can review it. The election of Chair and Vice-Chair will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Future Meetings

The group then decided that it would like to meet at the same time as the Commission, possible having their meeting just before the Commission on the same day. There was a preference for bi-monthly meetings rather than monthly meetings. There was also sense that some meeting schedules would have to be more fluid, depending on what the task might be. Conference calls may also be a helpful option.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at noon.