

MEMORANDUM

**VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND
FILE NO. 4037.002**

TO: VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND

FROM: CHARLES S. BALDWIN, IV

RE: SUMMARY OF MAY 28, 2009 MEETING WITH U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

DATE: MAY 28, 2009

Representatives of the Village of Bald Head Island met with representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and N.C. Division of Water Resources at the Corps' Wilmington District Office today to discuss the beach erosion and remediation.

- ? The Corps presented a brief discussion and diagram of the 2009 inner ocean bar dredging project.
- ? The Village permit for the private sand placement from Jaybird Shoals will likely issue on or before June 15, 2009. The CAMA Major Permit was received May 27, 2009.
- ? Presentations on behalf of the Village were made by Erik Olsen, P.E., Dr. Paul Hearty and Dr. Suzanne Dorsey, and verbal comments were received from environmental attorney, George House.
- ? A lengthy discussion occurred.

- ? The Corps does not admit that the 2000 Wilmington Harbor Project was the cause of the erosion experienced at West Beach and South Beach and notes the island had significant erosion problems before the 2000 project.
- ? Furthermore, the Corps denies it has authority to pay for repair of South Bald Head Wynd, environmental remediation or other harm suffered by Bald Head Island.
- ? The Corps has started internal discussion and review of the Sand Management Plan. The Corps views potential modification of the Sand Management Plan as limited to management of the sand within the same quantity and frequency (i.e., where the sand goes and in what percentage to the Brunswick beaches). The Corps has no plan to study a terminal groin or channel widener under its review of the Sand Management Plan.
- ? The Corps expects to circulate in April 2011 a draft report of its Sand Management Plan review and recommendations. It is unclear when the recommendations could take effect, as it depends on the nature of the recommendations. Implementing a change in the Sand Management Plan may involve the NEPA process and State consistency review.
- ? One consideration under the Sand Management Plan review is whether to put more sand on Bald Head Island. The Corps wants to study the results of the recent Oak Island/Caswell sand placement and get input from those communities regarding any Sand Management Plan modification.

- ? The Corps will study relocating or widening the channel in the vicinity of Bald Head Island in the context of the North Carolina International Terminal (“NCIT”) study. This process will take years, with a preliminary study recently funded to determine whether there is even a Federal interest in the NCIT project such that a full “recon” study may commence.
- ? Additional statutory and regulatory mechanisms and funding possibilities for study of widening/relocating the channel in the vicinity of “the Point” were discussed. The Corps committed to giving the Village a cost estimate of such study.