

July 25, 2013

A special meeting of the Bladen County Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at 1:00 pm regarding a project related to Lock & Dam #2.

Members present:

James G. "Jimmie" Smith, Chairman

G. Michael Cogdell

Daniel Dowless

Billy Ray Pait

Russell Priest

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and provided an Invocation.

Chairman Smith stated that a quorum was present and that Commissioners Charles Ray Peterson, Dr. Delilah Blanks, Mark Gillespie and Wayne Edge were excused.

County Manager Greg Martin provided an overview of the proposed project to construct a rock ramp fishway at Lock & Dam #2, which will assist in restoring anadromous endangered fish species to the Cape Fear River. He stated that Dawn York, Vice President of Cape Fear River Watch, notified him of a grant opportunity with the Coastal Resources Fishing License Fund, and requested that Bladen County serve as the lead applicant since Lock & Dam #2 is located in Bladen County. Partnering organizations include Dial Cordy and Associates, Inc., Cape Fear River Watch and Moffatt and Nichols Engineers.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Pait, the Board approved Bladen County to serve as lead applicant in an approximately \$596,080 grant application to the Coastal Resources Fishing License Fund for engineering and permitting of a rock ramp fishway at Lock & Dam #2.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dowless, seconded by Commissioner Pait, to adjourn at 1:05 pm.

James G. Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Maria C. Edwards, Clerk