

**Meeting of the NC Military Affairs Commission
EXECUTIVE STEERING GROUP
November 3, 2015, Raleigh, NC**

Committee Members Present:

BGen Bud Martin, ARNGUS Retired
Secretary Cornell Wilson, Jr., MGen, USMC Retired
LtGen Gary McKissock, USMC Retired
Col Jeffrey Sanborn, USA Retired (by phone)
MGen Bob Dickerson, USMC Retired (by phone)
Sally-Arin Gupta, designee for Sen. Brown

OTHER ATTENDEES:

Bobby Walston

1010 Chairman Martin called the meeting to order giving welcoming remarks, reviewing the day's agenda and the goal of readjusting Committee priorities during the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

- Maj. Bobby Lumsden reviewed the budget, the status of red, yellow, green mapping
- December 1 is the deadline for ten reports; this ends consultant contract
- Discussion about challenges obtaining data from bases that reflects result of loss of base, equipment
- Maj. Lumsden has supplied data collected to REMI and is satisfied that we have provided every opportunity for community and installation input
- Payroll, contract information was perceived as BRAC information and not supplied; the REMI product will be 80-90% solution
- \$10,387.05 carried forward from last year; waiting for invoice from Commerce
- Received \$1.675 mm in budget
- All other Agencies will require repayment for services
- State purchasing leaning toward new contract with present contractor at estimated \$40k-50k/month for continuing contract
- This is deducted from the budget
- Maj. Lumsden is preparing new statement of work for input/approval of the ESG.
- By-laws need to be reviewed and aligned with State policy

TASK: Vice Chair Dordal, Sally-Ann Gupta and Major Lumsden will rework by-laws to define approval authorities.

NCGA Deadlines

DUE: Next budget requests due 12/15 for Governor's budget/short session
DUE: Legislative language changes due 1/15/16
DUE: Policy changes due 2/15/16

RECOMMENDATION: Vice Chair Dordal recommends going through bond project list to prioritize, consider best approach – bonds may apply for storm water, e.g., in time for 12/15 deadline.,

The group discussed the preparation of the Strategic Plan.

ACTIONS:

- Continue working with Strategic Plan working group
- Maj. Lumsden will create clearly-defined statement of work
- Maj. Lumsden will get response from contractors, pricing and determine whether to bid out to other contractors

AUSA BRIEF:

Secretary Wilson gave an overview of recent successful trip to AUSA Conference with the Lieutenant Governor, North Carolina Military Foundation, EDPNC.

- Met with defense contractors
- Met with various companies
- Rick Minor of Economic Development Partnership was present; will follow up on meetings
- Met with Virginia Johnson, Robert Wilkie

RECOMMENDATION: Get together with senior retired commanders for input on the JDIG (Job Development Incentive Grant)

OEA GRANTS:

Derek Gaitlin of NC State introduced Phil Mintz who briefed attendees on the proposal being drafted that may be able to incorporate some items into the planning grant.

- Mr. Gaitlin gave recap on OEA Grant
- Mr Gaitlin met with Program Officer
- Developing statewide initiative to promote regional job creation through business development
- Feedback will be solicited
- 7/1/16 deadline for statewide plan
- Mr. Gaitlin's organization would like the opportunity to administer the grant as fiscal agent
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NCMEP) through College of Engineering/Maureen Little
- The Extension charges 20% vs university charge of 51%

DIVISION OF AVIATION

Mr. Bobby Walston briefed the Committee on:

- Grant Funding to airports

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- Economic development
- How can we better support the military?
- Division of Aviation seeks to be more customer efficient
- \$26 billion economic impact, 72 airports, 6% of GDP
- Discussed \$5million match used for CG Air Station
- UAV Drone is assigned to Aviation Development Task Force
- Explained UAV issues resolved with Cherry Point; additional issues with National Air Space (NAS)

The Chairman called for a break in the meeting.

The meeting was called back to order and resumed the Agenda.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Quality of Life

Col. Jeff Sanborn, Committee Chairman of the Quality of Life Committee, gave an update on the following:

- Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit (CCSU)/Cape Fear Valley Medical Center – this issue is still being researched, worked
- Military Identifier – schools surrounding bases have difficulty with students incoming from other posts; flexibility with school calendar is desired
- Increase military school liaison presence (add position(s)) – more clarification required
- State-requested support for military-connected children
- PSAP

RECOMMENDATION: Remove child care from priority list. Add CCSU to priority list.

Legislative Affairs

Sally-Ann Gupta briefed the ESG by power point deck on S43, S106, S250, S368, S478, H97, H943.

Re: re-engaging on the bond package for the short session, Sen. Brown advised that it was not worth the Commission's efforts to try to do so. All projects that are going to be funded by the bond package have at this point been identified; there is no flexibility to add in new projects.

The security fence at Cherry Point is still needed, and it's not certain whether there is any funding in the NDAA for this project. It would be \$45 million for this build, and Oklahoma's Tinker AFB will take that mission (F-35 mission, for which the fence is a necessity) from NC if it can. There is otherwise not a lot going on at Cherry Point, so it is at risk for a BRAC. The next BRAC will likely occur in 2019.

A question that repeatedly came up in House and Senate negotiations is why the state should fund projects on federal installations. Sen. Brown advised that this question needs to be answered for all

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General Assembly members. BG Martin's email to NCGA members advising what other states (i.e. Texas, Massachusetts) are doing to fund projects on federal installations contained good information, but was not likely read by all as it came late in the session and the message needs to be condensed. It was agreed that House and Senate leadership needs to be briefed in the near future on how other states are approaching this issue. The economic impact of installations for the state is not understood nearly as well as it needs to be across the General Assembly membership.

Sen. Brown had a concern about the windfarm in Pasquotank and the impact on Seymour Johnson AFB. Maj Gen Wilson advised that so long as no more than 104 windmills are present and a particular type of windmill blades are used, it shouldn't present any real problem for Seymour Johnson AFB. Sen. Brown expressed further concern that DENR should not have signed off on what in essence was a completely new windmill project that was substantially different from what was in the grandfather clause the original project was using to regain project approval.

Major Lumsden expressed concern that the windfarm project could affect range capability and nextgen plans for training for Seymour Johnson. He also noted there may be a legislative request coming out of the NCMAC Quality of Life sub-committee for funding in the short session for additional beds at the Fayetteville facility for military dependent emotionally disturbed youth. Additionally,

- 52% of military-related legislation passed the General Assembly
- National Guard funding for support position

Economic Development

Committee Chairman McKissock gave an update to the ESG on the priorities of the Committee:

- Commissioners Stewart and Ratti benefitted from Kimberly Lindsay's NC4ME Summit on 11/6
- NC Works will renew their contract and design software to solve the interface problem
- Mr. Chuck Gross briefed on status of implementation of SB 761 (military credit)
- Not all community colleges accept ACE Catalog; we may need legislation to get all community colleges to comply.
- Derek Gaitlin/OEA – discussed planning grant and other processes that can be pursued; purpose of grant is "economic diversification" and enhancement of state's opportunities
- Recommends someone outside of the state as executive agent of the grant, perhaps someone in DC

Base Sustainability & Community Affairs

Committee Chairman Bob Dickerson briefed the ESG on matters before the Committee:

- Sentinel Landscapes – we are still candidates to receive this funding
- Census data – still some confusion within Department of Defense; to date, the state where the service member is stationed is considered "home of record"; the NC population was estimated to have been undercounted by 35,000
- The Committee will draft a letter for Secretary Wilson's approval re: census undercount

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- Chairman Dickerson will get details to Col. Sanborn outlining why Fort Bragg declined Sentinel Landscape support
- Community coordinators – we need to reevaluate the best fit for this role; can it be someone other than a Commissioner? We will raise this at the full Commission meeting for discussion

BRAC Committee

Vice Chairman Dordal chairs this Committee, and commented on the good ideas that were presented at the last meeting.

After completing the Strategic Plan update, we would like to bring community groups together that are interested in the way ahead related to BRAC for a large meeting to solicit their input in the February timeframe.

ADDITIONAL DUE DATES/ITEMS

DUE: REMI product due December 1

DUE: Mapping product

- Vice Chairman Dordal will revise re-prioritized top ten NCMAC priorities
- Non-profit “Vets for Energy” is using a Raleigh PR firm and is setting up meetings to discuss non-renewable energy with all communities (12/14 and 12/15 to Goldsboro, Cherry Point, CLJ, JFHQ)

1455 Following an invitation for additional comments or questions, the meeting was adjourned.