



Minutes

Dare County Oregon Inlet Task Force Meeting

Dare County Administration Building
Manteo, NC

9:30 a.m. December 9, 2025

Attendance: Steve House, Harry Schiffman, Jamie Reibel, Greg Mayer, Anthony Lloyd, Brownly Douglas

Staff: Barton Grover

Others in Attendance: Jordan Hennessy, Brad Rosov, Michael Flynn, Patrick Tallant, John Tayloe, Erin Weller

- **Welcome guests**
 - Meeting was called to order at 9:30am by Chairman House.
- **Review Minutes- December 9, 2025**
 - Jamie Reibel motioned to approve minutes. Greg Mayer seconded. All in favor.
- **USCG ANT Wanchese Update**
 - Patrick Tallant reported the Coast Guard moved the buoys in Old House Channel Range 2 back to how they were a year ago, so it is more of a straight shot. 1H was moved about 50 yards to line it up better. There is shoaling on the west side of Oregon Inlet bridge by 12, 13, and 14 and there is a safety broadcast out for that area. Once there is a better weather window, they will reset 3 and 5 on the Ocean Bar.
- **U.S. Army Corps Update**
 - Erin Weller stated they are surveying west of Oregon Inlet today. The pipeline contractor is nearing completion of section 4, station 147 to 231 then will be moving to station 0 to 51 after the new year.

- **EJE Dredging Update**

- Jordan Hennessy reviewed the November dredging report. The Miss Katie dredged approximately 59,558 cy from the Alternate Channel and Bar in November and approximately 15,725 in the Walter Slough and Crack. Total of approximately 75,283 for the month of November. The Miss Katie continues to dredge those areas in December. Harry Schiffman asked for a status update on billing to determine any dredging budget needs. Jordan Hennessy stated he would have an update at the end of the month.

- **CPE Update**

- Brad Rosov updated the Task Force that the Oregon Inlet permit modification request has been submitted to the agencies. Brad reached out to the regulatory agencies last week, but has not heard anything as of yet. The federal side may be lagging behind due to the shutdown.
- Brad Rosov stated they are looking at the Crack & Walter Slough proposed modifications such as larger funnels and expanding the dredging corridor in the Fishing Center and Coast Guard Station. Brad Rosov asked if a graphic could be provided showing the extent of the corridor the Task Force is looking for. Michael Flynn commented the Special Use Permit would need to be modified for that area. Barton Grover commented both the Fishing Center and Coast Guard Station have performed projects in that area before. Steve House stated they will get the information needed to Brad Rosov to continue his work.
- Additionally, Brad Rosov has been looking into interior channel disposal areas near Old House Channel Range 2 and north of Shallowbag Bay. They have not identified any areas deeper than 8ft on the northern end of Roanoke Island, but there is deep water adjacent to the end of Old House Channel Range 2.

- **Administrative comments**

1. Current Budget
 - .1.1 Miss Katie DEQ Contract Remaining Funds (as of August 31st)
 - .1.1.1 Oregon Inlet – \$7,221,623
 - .1.1.2 Wanchese to 17ext. - \$843,590
 - .1.1.3 Crack & Walter Slough - \$2,000,000
 - .1.1.4 Old House 2 - \$293,632
2. Barton Grover stated remaining amounts are a reflection of what has been invoiced. Most recent invoice included dredging up to August 31st.

3. Barton Grover asked the Task Force to review the proposed 2026 meeting schedule. The schedule mirrors previous years where the Task Force meets a week after the Board of Commissioners meeting. Typically the 2nd Tuesday of the month except for September and December. Jamie Reibel motioned to approve the 2026 meeting schedule. Anthony Lloyd seconded. All in favor.
4. Barton Grover shared photos of the International WorkBoat Show, where the Miss Katie was shown on banners as one of the most significant workboats in 2022. Harry Schiffman asked if a press release could be shared of the great work being done by the Miss Katie. Anthony Lloyd stated the press release should also include comments from mariners transiting through the area on how the Miss Katie positively affects safe navigation and the economy. Harry Schiffman commented it also should clarify that Miss Katie is a privately- owned vessel in partnership with the County. Harry Schiffman stated there is a lot of confusion with that online. Harry Schiffman motioned to send a press release out highlighting the Miss Katie's benefits to safe navigation and the economy. Jamie Reibel seconded. All in favor. Steve House stated he would share information at the next Board of Commissioners meeting. Barton Grover and Steve House said they would coordinate with Public Relations.

- **Adjourn**

Harry Schiffman motioned to adjourn. Jamie Reibel seconded