

## MEMORANDUM FOR: File

SUBJECT: Minutes -- Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study, 7 March 2007 Meeting of Stakeholders, Planning Group and Executive Committee

1. The subject meeting was held on 7 March 2007 at the Henry County Administrative Complex, Board Meeting Room in Martinsville, Virginia.
2. The list of attendees at the meeting and the meeting agenda can be found at Attachments 1 and Attachment 2 respectively.
3. The meeting was opened by Colonel John Pulliam, District Engineer, Wilmington District U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), who briefly explained the purpose of the Section 216 study and emphasized that the authorized purposes for the Philpott project were flood control and hydropower. Colonel Pulliam indicated that while we could alter the operation of the project to accommodate and enhance other purposes, flood control was and will continue to be the primary purpose of the Philpott Lake project. He further indicated that the Philpott Section 216 Feasibility Study process would be open and that every attempt would be made to fully engage in the process the various stakeholders and resource interests.
4. The Executive Committee for the project, Christine Brayman, USACE and Jeff Corbin, Commonwealth of Virginia, explained the purposes of the meeting and the need for collaboration during the study process. Both encouraged full participation in the process and explained the importance of technical work groups in the process.
5. Richard Lewis outlined the Section 216 study process and history of the Philpott 216 study in some detail. The PowerPoint slides used in the presentation can be found at Attachment 3. Two of the more important points made during this presentations were the fact that USACE and the Commonwealth of Virginia are cost share partners in the study and that the day-to-day management of the study will be handled by Ben Lane, USACE, Project Manager, Richard Lewis, USACE, Lead Planner and Bud LaRoche, Commonwealth of Virginia, Lead Planner and Project Manager
6. Richard Lewis discussed the formation of technical work groups. He explained that the following work groups needed to be formed: Natural and Recreation Resources; Operating Policies and Administrative Procedures; Water Quality; Water Supply. It was also explained that the work groups for the following would not be required until stage 3 of the study: Aesthetics and Shoreline Management and Erosion
7. The workgroups' function, as described in the Project Management Plan (PMP) at Attachment 4, was presented for each of the above groups, including the following:
  - ✓ Describe the desired skills necessary for work group participation
  - ✓ Solicit volunteers
  - ✓ Cost share partners recommend members for work groups
  - ✓ Submit proposed work groups to Executive Committee for approval
  - ✓ Work groups begin considering tasks outlined in the PMP

8. A list of the Work Groups and the preliminary proposed members can be found at Attachment 5
9. Ben Lane, Bud LaRoche, Richard Lewis, Phil Payonk and other attendees at the afternoon Philpott Lake, VA (Section 216) meeting also attended a meeting of the Roanoke Chapter of Trout Unlimited the evening of 7 March 2007. The newspaper article found at Attachment 6 presents a very good summary of that meeting.

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