

NC STEP, December 8, 2010

NC STEP-21st Century Communities-Department of Commerce Designation Program
Pamlico Community College/Delamar Center
December 8, 2010 @ 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Ms. Jayne Robb, County Planner/Economic Developer, welcomed everyone to the Official Kickoff of the 21st Century Designation meeting and introduced Mr. Brad Hufford, Division of Community Assistance. It was noted that Ms. Robb was responsible for applying, on behalf of Pamlico County, for the 21st Century Designation grant.

Mr. Hufford proceeded to introduce the Designation Committee, consisting of Mr. Mark Roberts, NC Commerce Office of Rural Development; Mr. Andre Nabors, NC Commerce Office of Tourism, Film and Sports Marketing; Ms. Mary Cox, Business Link North Carolina; Ms. Linda Johnson-Spence, Office of Workforce Development; Mr. Lee Padrick, Division of Community Assistance; Mr. Trey Smith, Division of Community Assistance; and Mr. Brad Hufford, 21st Century Community Program.

Mr. Hufford stated that the purpose of the meeting is a summary of sorts to identify projects the STEP Advisory Committee has completed, which projects are underway, and which projects are still on the table. The meeting will help Mr. Hufford and the Designation Committee determine areas of assistance. The Committee does not want to “reinvent the wheel” by repeating steps that have already been done.

An overall review of completed and ongoing projects was given by the STEP Committee. Internet access was discussed and Mr. Maxbauer offered his assistance due to his extensive knowledge of fiber optics and the process it takes to get internet service to those hard access areas.

Beth Bucksot presented a full list of projects still on the table and future projects that the various committees have formulated as well as strategies to see them accomplished. There was some discussion regarding various items presented. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Nabors elaborated on specific fields and the things that Pamlico County has to offer.

Mr. Hufford will send a transcript of today’s meeting to the STEP Committee which will then be attached to the minutes.

There being no further discussions, Mr. Hufford thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:10am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alice Garrison, NC STEP Co-Coordinator

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Attendees:

Barbara Baker
Tom Braaten
Tim Buck
Beth Bucksot
Carla Byrnes
Alfred Cahoon
Cleve Cox
Clark Dimond
Brian Dodds
Jude Dodds
Alice Garrison
Bob Maxbauer
Dave Peterson
Jerry Prescott
Pat Prescott
Jayne Robb
Bill Sage
Dee Sage
Selva Staub
Joyce Swimm
Judy Thaanum
Barb Venturi

Guests:

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