



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 6.

**DATE OF MEETING:** February 4, 2013

**REQUESTED BY:** Mayor Howard Braxton, Town of Topsail Beach.

**SHORT TITLE:** Resolution Requesting Assistance from the County in Dredging of New Topsail Inlet: \$75,000

**BACKGROUND:** The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is tasked with maintaining the Topsail Inlet Channel to a depth of 8.0 feet at low tide. No funding was appropriated by Congress or the President in the FY 2013 budget for maintenance of North Carolina's shallow draft inlets, including New Topsail Inlet. The USACE has requested the State and local governments fund the maintenance dredging through non-reimbursable contributed funds. The USACE estimates, based on the most recent survey, that a total of \$450,000 will be required to maintain New Topsail Inlet through the end of FY 2013 (October), and has an authorized Memorandum of Agreement with the State of North Carolina to accept contributed funds from the State and local governments to perform the necessary maintenance. The North Carolina Division of Water Resources has agreed to match 50/50, the local financial participation for New Topsail Inlet, up to \$225,000, leaving the local share at \$225,000. The Town of Topsail Beach has committed to contributing \$75,000 and is asking the Town of Surf City and the County to contribute \$75,000 each. The Pender County Board of Commissioners recognizes the status of New Topsail Inlet and that the Inlet has shoaled to the point that portions of the channel are not navigable.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To consider a resolution supporting The Town of Topsail Beach's dredging efforts of New Topsail Inlet and authorizing a \$75,000 contribution to assist with the efforts.

**COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Respectfully defer to the Board of Commissioners.

**RESOLUTION**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the Commissioners hereby authorizes a non-reimbursable \$75,000 contribution to assist the Town of Topsail Beach with the seasonal dredging expenditure for the 2013 season, and recognizes that this project is of great value to both of the townships on the island and the un-incorporated portions of the County on the mainland. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

**AMENDMENTS:**

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Brown \_\_\_ McCoy \_\_\_ Tate \_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_ Williams \_\_\_

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George R. Brown, Chairman      02/04/13  
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ATTEST      02/04/13  
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