

Bonner Bridge Record of Decision



The NC DOT received federal permission to move forward with replacing the 47-year-old Bonner Bridge.

The Federal Highway Administration signed a Record of Decision on December 20, 2010, that will allow the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to move forward on construction of a new bridge over Oregon Inlet.

The Bonner Bridge was built in 1963 with an intended life span of 30 years. The three-mile bridge has been scheduled for replacement since 1993, but legal and permitting issues have held up the process. This record of decision signifies a major step in the decades old battle to replace the Bonner Bridge.

Most arguments for a new bridge have focused mainly on what is carried over it. Rightly so, as evidenced by the estimated two million vehicles that travel over the bridge each year.

The Bonner Bridge is also very important to Hatteras Island for another reason: what is attached to it.

CHEC receives power at a point north of Oregon Inlet and delivers it

to its Hatteras Island members and onto Ocracoke Island, which is served by Tideland EMC. CHEC's 115kv transmission cables that deliver this power are in protective conduit, which is connected to the Bonner Bridge. Thus, CHEC has worked very closely with NCDOT to ensure that the electric needs of Hatteras Island were considered when discussion of bridge replacement took place.

CHEC has a signed Design Build Utility Agreement in place with NCDOT for the new bridge. This agreement will allow the transmission cables to be placed in a cable trench, a segmented box or a combination of the two depending on how the selected design build contractor constructs the bridge.

Having provisions for the cables in the design build process is essential to the cooperative's mission of providing safe, reliable and affordable electric service to its members on Hatteras Island.

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Operation RoundUp Report 2010

CHEC collected \$39,092 from Operation RoundUp in 2010. The Cape Hatteras Electric Foundation (CHEF) disperses the funds collected to Hatteras Island individuals or families in financial crisis. CHEF, which is made up of a five-person board, monthly reviews applications for assistance. CHEF dispersed \$34,399.58 in 2010. To find out more about Operation RoundUp or to apply for assistance, call Laura Heitsenrether at (252) 995-5616 or laurah@chec.coop



CHEC has three board of directors seats open for 2011 election

The board seats open for the 2011 election are: District 3-Buxton; District 5-Rodanthe/Waves/Salvo and District-At-Large. The incumbent directors have indicated their interest in seeking re-election.

The incumbents seeking re-election are John R. Hooper, Richard A. Midgett and C. A. Duke.

Any member of Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative who is interested and qualified and would like consideration as a nominee for the board of directors should submit his or her name and resume to the Committee on Nominations by the deadline of 5 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

For details regarding service on the CHEC board of directors, please contact Susan Flythe, general manager, by phone (252) 995-5616 or susanf@chec.coop.

DISTRICT 3: BUXTON

John Hooper
Buxton

John R. Hooper, a native of Hatteras Island and a resident of Buxton, has been on the CHEC board of directors since 1982. During his 25 years of board tenure, Hooper has served as secretary and vice president. He is operator and owner of the Lighthouse View Motel and Cottages. Hooper graduated from East Carolina University with a bachelor's degree in



Industrial Technology. He has served on the boards of the Outer Banks Chamber of Commerce and the Hatteras Island Business Association. He has also served as the Hatteras Island representative on the Dare County Board of Commissioners and as a member of the Dare County Tourist Board and the Dare County Visitors Bureau.

DISTRICT 5: RODANTHE-WAVES-SALVO

C. A. Duke
Salvo

As a resident of Salvo, C. A. Duke has served on the CHEC board of directors since 2001. Duke attained the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director cer-



tification in 2002 and the NRECA Board Leadership certification in 2005. During his tenure, he has served as secretary. He is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a degree in Business Management and Administration. Duke currently holds a real estate salesperson's license, a commercial fishing license and is the treasurer of the Salvo Volunteer Fire Department. He has been appointed as the Rodanthe/Waves/Salvo Civic Association member to the Negotiated Rulemaking Advisory Committee for off-road vehicle management for the Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Richard Midgett
Hatteras

Richard A. Midgett, a native of Hatteras Island and a resident of Hatteras village, joined the CHEC board of directors in 1995. He is the board president. He attained the NRECA Credentialed Cooperative Director certification in 2005 and the NRECA Board



Leadership certification in 2006. He has an Associates of Arts degree in Business Administration, a N.C. broker's license and is a GRI graduate of the Realtors Institute. Midgett is broker of Midgett Realty at the Avon office. His previous service to the community included being a member of the Hatteras Volunteer Fire Department and the Legislative Committee for the N.C. Association of Realtors. His current committee involvement includes chairman of the Hatteras Tax District as a member of Hatteras Village Civic Association of which he served as president in the past.



CHEC retiree honored

On December 10, CHEC employees, directors, retirees and committee members enjoyed a Christmas party held at the Hatteras Civic Center. Pictured: Retired marketing and communications specialist Anne Swain was presented a plaque for her 20 years of service.



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