



LEGISLATIVE REPORT

January 2010

Boiling Spring Lakes (BSL)

The citizens elected a new mayor and a new commissioner, who with one other current commissioner, have decided that the current draft of the Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) is a burden to the citizens of BSL. BCAR had asked NCAR for \$10,000 from the NCAR Issues Mobilization Fund to perform a legal review of the draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). NCAR and BCAR previously provided \$7,500 to BSL to obtain a grant from the federal government to assist in writing the HCP. BCAR made a decision, based on the new leadership's comments in print and at their regularly scheduled meetings not to pursue the HCP, to give the \$10,000 back to NCAR. While all the stakeholders are disappointed in these decisions, but that is politics.

LEG/RPAC Committee

The 2010 committee met yesterday and determined that several state and local legislative issues have importance to BCAR in 2010. The **state** issues discussed include the following:

- Voice our concerns against any further increase in the state privilege tax
- Voice our concerns against any tax on any real estate service
- Voice our support for the implementation of rules that allow terminal groins to prevent beach erosion, specifically at inlets.
- Become involved in the formation of new legislation that addresses involuntary annexation

The local issues discussed include the following:

- Assist the Brunswick County Tax Office during the 2010 property revaluation to ensure a fair and accurate revaluation.
- Addressing municipal regulations concerning the preservation of natural vegetation
- Enter into the debate on how to decide the most appropriate method of sales tax distribution for Brunswick County.

If any member has any other issues, the committee needs to evaluate, please contact Steve Candler at 910-754-4971 or email steve@bcarnc.com.