

# Steinburg named vice chair of new committee

From Staff Reports

Rep. Bob Steinburg (R-Chowan) was recently appointed to vice-chair of the newly formed Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources (AGNER).

He will also serve on the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations (Gov Ops) and Environmental Review Commission. He has been asked to function as an advisory member on the Joint Legislative Education Over-

sight Committee.

The newly formed Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources will monitor new legislation, including those adjusted in this year's Regulatory Reform bill and State budget.

"It is a core conservative principle to ensure govern-



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ment services are necessary, effective, and efficient," Speaker Tim Moore said. "Rep. Steinburg takes this task very seriously and is always working to ensure taxpayer dollars are spent judiciously. In his oversight roles this session, Bob will be able to monitor the impact of new legislation and ensure that our government agencies and programs are functioning at the highest levels."

The Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations is tasked with conducting evaluative

studies of the programs, policies, practices and procedures of the various departments, agencies, and institutions of state government. Gov Ops met for its first hearing on Nov. 18 to review issues that warranted legislative oversight. The hearing was open to the press and public, and debate was unlimited among members of both parties.

Steinburg will also serve on the Environmental Review Commission, which evaluates actions of all boards, commissions, departments, and other state

and local agencies as they relate to environment or protection of environment. The commission will also study and make recommendations on organization of State environmental agencies, review and evaluate State and federal laws and regulations, and perform other studies as deemed necessary or requested. The Committee is also permitted to perform additional duties and powers with regard to hazardous waste.

The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee will examine, on con-

tinuing basis, the several educational institutions in North Carolina, in order to make recommendations on ways to improve public education from kindergarten through higher education. The Committee will track new legislation, including the use of the increased funding for school connectivity, digital resources, textbooks, and principal preparation, as appropriate in this year's budget.

Each committee is comprised of both House and Senate members and meets at the call of the Chair.

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He lives near where wind turbines may be constructed and has spoken out in opposition, but he said he's not running for that reason alone.

"By the time I get on, if

I get on, that decision will be over," Woodard said. He would urge officials to get experts from N.C. State University, who have studied the wind power issue to visit and explain the good and bad about the technology.

Woodard mentioned tourism, the replacement

of Hertford's S-Bridge and education as among the issues that need addressing.

Woodard graduated Perquimans County High School in 1964 and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill in 1969. He earned his pharmacy degree from UNC. He and his wife Harriette have a daughter Dabney also a pharmacist and runs Family Care in Hertford. Son Drew is a magistrate in Hertford and also fire

chief of the Hertford Fire Department. Son Rob farms in the area.

Winslow, who turned 37-years-old on Monday, was born and raised in Perquimans County and is a 1997 graduate of Perquimans County High School.

He's got two children in the school system, one a kindergartener at Perquimans Central and the other a fifth grader at Hertford Grammar School.

"I've never got into politics before, but I felt like this was a good opportunity," Winslow said.

He has some concerns about Perquimans County Middle School, but is just as quick to say that's a difficult age for children.

"I've got to tip my hat to the teachers at that level," he said. "That's the toughest age to teach and the students are the hardest to handle."

Winslow earned a degree in biology from Barton College and moved back to Perquimans County in 2004.

Like Winslow, Lassiter has never run for office before. Lassiter's wife, Brenda, recently retired from the school system.

"The main thing is I want to build on the experience my wife had with the school system for 20 years," Lassiter said Monday.

Lassiter, 55, spent 35 years working for the Department of the Navy in Norfolk. He and Brenda are the parents of three children, all of which are in education. Both of their daughter-in-laws work for the Perquimans school system and they are the grandparents of four.

The election comes at a time when long-time superintendent Dwayne Stallings is stepping down. Lassiter said that's one reason he decided to run.

"We're going to have a new superintendent and he's going to need our support," Lassiter said. "I have grandkids that will be going to school, and I want to keep things going

in the right direction."

Lassiter graduated from Perquimans County High School in 1979, attended College of the Albemarle for one year and then joined an apprenticeship program at the Norfolk Naval Shipyards, graduating in 1984. He and his wife are members of Up River Friends Meeting in Hertford. He has umpired Little League baseball locally for 20 years.

Davison could not be reached for comment.

In other races, Sam Davis, a former Pasquotank County Commissioner and former owner of Davis Hardware Store, tossed his hat into the ring for the seat held by Rep. Bob Steinburg.

Davis, 63, is a Realtor in Elizabeth City. Steinburg is retired and lives in Edenton.

"I am running for State House because I believe politicians in Raleigh are leaving eastern North Carolina behind," Davis said in a prepared release. "I want to make sure economic development is a priority in our communities, not just in Charlotte and Raleigh. The hard-working people of our community deserve the opportunity to have good paying jobs here at home. They shouldn't have to move to another part of the state to be able to provide for their families."

"I also believe our public education system is being neglected and we must do better. We need to make sure we raise teacher pay to the national average to keep the best and brightest teachers from leaving our state, especially here where our teachers can easily drive to Virginia and get an automatic pay raise. I want to make sure our students have access to an education that prepares them for the jobs of the future."

House District 1 includes Camden, Currituck, Chowan, Perquimans and Tyrell Counties and portions of Pasquotank County.

Republican Senator Bill Cook is facing a challenge from Democrat Brownie Futrell, a former newspaper owner in Washington, N.C.

The local schedule for early voting in Perquimans has yet to be approved the State Board of Elections. It can't start until March 3 and the last day is March 12.

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