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Institute in Manteo.

Robey, Kight, Meiggs and McClendon will serve two-year terms and Cavender-Draper, Hawkins and Griffin will serve three-year terms, according to a press release from Woodruff's office.

"This board will have a lot of responsibility and a lot of flexibility," Woodruff said during a work session with the 21st Century EDPC on Monday. The board will not be limited to just overseeing development at the proposed Eco Industrial Park in north Camden, he said.

"I recommend that the board oversee economic development efforts for the entire county," Woodruff said. "They will focus on the (U.S. Highway 158) corridor and the (U.S. Highway 17) corridor and anywhere you have business opportunities in this county."

The board will hold its first meeting at the Dismal Swamp State Park on Nov. 10 at 8 a.m. After then, all regular meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of the month, county officials said.

One of the board's first priorities will be construction of the new Eco Industrial Park and its business "incubator," which is designed to help bring green start-up businesses to the county, Woodruff said.

"The goal (of the incubator) is to help build up their businesses to the point where they can go start a business of their own in some area," he said.

In 2008, the University of North Carolina's Institute for the Environment conducted a feasibility study on whether a green industrial park could be sustainable in Camden County. The study concluded the park could be sustainable but would be costly to develop.

Under current plans, the

Eco Industrial Park will sit on 100 acres of land owned by the county across the road from the Dismal Swamp State Park. A central pond will take up 30 acres, while 60 acres will



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be used for roads, parking and new business construction, Woodruff said.

Peter Thomson and Bob Norton of the Green Eco Institute will use the remaining 10 acres constructing three buildings, one of which will be the green business incubator.



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An artist's rendering shows a building at the proposed Green Commerce Park that would be used for biotechnical and bio-agriculture sciences.

Camden unveils 9-member board to oversee green park

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CAMDEN — The county manager and the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners are among the nine members of a new panel that will oversee development not only at Camden's proposed green park but the entire county as well.

Camden officials announced the members of its 21st Century Economic Development Planning Committee during a work session earlier this week.

In addition to County Manager Randell Woodruff and Board of Commissioners Chairman Phil Faison,

the panel includes seven Camden residents:

- Sean Robey of Hyman and Robey engineering;
- John Kight, who owns a forestry business;
- Will Meiggs of the Bank of Currituck;
- Alicia Cavender-Draper, a local certified public accountant;
- Melvin Hawkins, principal of Camden County High School;
- Terri Griffin, an executive at First Citizens Bank in Elizabeth City; and
- Robert McClendon of the University of North Carolina's Coastal Studies

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