

**Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board, held in the chambers of the Board of Supervisors on the 24th day of February, 2011, A.D.**

**Members present:**

Mr. George T. Parker, Chairman  
Mrs. Lee L. Merrill, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. C. Lee Davis  
Mr. Earl B. Frederick  
\*Mr. George H. Ward, Jr. -**ABSENT**

Mr. David Fluhart, Secretary  
Mrs. Marie E. Fox, Recording Secretary

**Alternate Members Present:**

Mr. Mikel Patti  
\*Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor - **ABSENT**

**Others present:**

Mr. Hank Badger, VMRC

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman George T. Parker, and opened to a public hearing at 10 AM. All applications are approved for a one year period from the date of this hearing, unless specifically noted. All applicants, speakers and representatives are sworn in before the Board on the following wetlands applications:**

**This Board is aware of and complies as closely as possible to the objectives of the Virginia Marine Resource Commission's Wetlands Policy of No Net Loss.**

**1). MINUTES**

Mrs. Merrill made a motion to approve the minutes of the Thursday, December 16, 2010 as presented. Mr. Frederick seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Parker, Mrs. Merrill, Mr. Frederick, Mr. Davis and Mr. Patti.

**2). NEW BUSINESS**

**1). A request from Mr. & Mrs. Peter Lalor, VMRC #11-0130, to install a rip rap structure, thereby impacting wetlands, at 16439 Preston Lane, near Onancock, Virginia. TM #84-11-B**

Ms. Ellen Grimes of Coastal Resource Management, appeared before the board to represent this application. Ms. Grimes advised the SE corner of the property is not armored with anything to protect that shoreline. Ms. Grimes added that the existing concrete rubble will be removed and the bank will be graded back.

At this time, Mr. Fluhart read a portion of the VIMS Report, which stated, ***“RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY: Consider marsh sill with bank grading instead of revetment at bank.”***

After further discussion, Mr. Pete Lalor appeared before the board and briefly described the benefits of the proposal including to reduce the wave energy from boat traffic, which have caused some of the erosion above the marsh.

Ms. Grimes advised although she respects the VIMS comments, she advised the proposal will remain as submitted.

At this time, Mrs. Merrill made a motion to approve this application as presented. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Parker, Mrs. Merrill, Mr. Davis, Mr. Frederick, Mr. Patti.

**3). MITIGATION REPORTS**

Mr. Fluhart explained the mitigation report that was presented to the board was prepared at the request of VIMS to monitor the amount of mitigation within the state. The report indicates that after all projects have paid into the mitigation fund, the balance will be \$5,772.00 and this is an interest bearing account. Mr. Fluhart further advised

there is a possibility the funds could be used to restore/create wetlands at County Boat landings to remove old appliances, cars, etc, as the result of impacts from the debris.

A discussion ensued regarding using the funds for possible wetlands restoration projects on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. Parker advised he would research the possibility of giving the funds to a larger agency that restore wetlands on the shore.

Mr. Parker further requested a copy of the Mitigation Policy be sent to each board member for review and place Mitigation Discussion on the agenda for the March 2011 meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Merrill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM. Mr. Patti seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Parker, Ms. Merrill, Mr. Davis, Mr. Frederick, Mr. Patti.

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Mr. George T. Parker, Chairman