

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board, held in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors on the 28th day of April, 2016, A.D.

Members present:

Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman
Mr. George H. Ward, Jr., Vice Chairman
Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor
Mr. T. Lee Byrd
Mr. Jim White, Alternate

Members absent:

Mr. Timothy Getek

Staff present:

Ms. Gracie A. Milbourne, Secretary, Wetland Board & Recording Secretary

Others present:

Mr. Hank Badger, VMRC

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl B. Frederick, and opened to a public hearing at 10 a.m. 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 with the objectives of the Virginia Marine Resource Commission's Wetlands Policy of No Net Loss.

1). MINUTES

There were no minutes available at this meeting.

2). NEW BUSINESS

1). An application from Darryl Lilliston, VMRC# 2016-0419, for the construction of a bulkhead 2.5 feet channelward of the existing bulkhead

**along Wachapreague Channel on Atlantic Avenue, Wachapreague, Virginia.
TM# 113A-A-213, 214, 215 and 113A-5-3 & 3A**

Mr. Radak Juran of Perpetual Marine LLC appeared before the board to represent this application. Mr. Juran asked that the applicant be allowed to construct a new bulkhead 2.5 feet in front of existing bulkhead to stabilize the shoreline.

Mr. Frederick read VIMS comments that agreed that the replacement bulkhead was necessary to stabilize the shoreline for the continued use of the commercial property, but had a comment about the 12-foot return not connecting with any uplands and fill being brought in without details of its placement. The recommendation continued with a comment about the landward northern area that is currently a non-vegetated intertidal flat and the fill as proposed will not be constrained and will subsequently slump and erode, causing destabilization of the northern section of the bulkhead and locally decrease water quality. In conclusion, VIMS suggested shifting the return to the south, such that it is located above mean high water, and extending it farther landward, such that any fill material is constrained completely by the structure or existing uplands.

Mr. George Badger of VMRC appeared to offer some clarification of the VIMS suggestions and pictures he had taken of the shoreline.

Mr. Byrd asked Mr. Juran why the bulkhead is proposed 2-1/2 feet channelward rather than the standard 2 feet.

Mr. Juran explained that this bulkhead will be a commercial heavy-duty wall and more space will be needed for wider material.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Ward made a motion to approve this application with the condition that a revised drawing must be submitted showing the northern return wall being aligned southwest directly to the uplands. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. White.

2). An application from Burton's Seafood Inc/Tom's Cove Campground, VMRC# 2016-0392, to remove the existing deteriorated concrete walkway and drainage pipe, dredge 333 cubic yards of material and install an open pile pier/walkway along Assateague Channel at Tom's Cove Campground, Chincoteague, Virginia. TM# 45-A-26

Mr. Barry Fisher of Fisher Marine Construction appeared before the board to represent this application. Mr. Fisher explained that this project involves the removal of the deteriorated walkway and replacing it with a 6-foot wide walkway. He further stated that no wetlands will be disturbed and the dredged spoil will be taken to an approved spoil site.

Mr. David Cole, Manager of Tom's Cove Campground, appeared before the Board and clarified that the walkway will be 6-foot instead of 8-feet as stated in the Joint Permit Application and continued to explain the project.

Mr. White stated that he had visited the site and asked about dredging of the swimming hole area. Mr. Cole explained that all the concrete will be removed to see what's underneath, and agreed that he will not dredge more than necessary to get the bridge in and will maintain the shape of the basin.

After some discussion, Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve this application with the condition that a revised drawing must be submitted to show a deck width of 6 feet. Mr. White seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. White.

3). DISCUSSION REGARDING JPAs FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Ms. Milbourne asked the board for clarification purposes if they wanted to review all community and commercial applications.

After some discussion, the board asked that they receive notice of all community and commercial applications, but agreed to the following: 1) All community piers must be reviewed by this board; 2) Commercial bulkheads must be reviewed by them if the returns will be in this board's jurisdiction; 3) Dredging projects must be reviewed by them if in this board's jurisdiction; and 4) If or when in doubt, bring the application before this board for review.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 10:48 a.m. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. White.

Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman