

ACCOMACK COUNTY WETLANDS MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2017

At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board held on the 27TH day of April 2017, in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in Accomac, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Planning Commission Members Present:

Mr. Earl Frederick, Chairman
Mr. George Ward, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Mr. T. Lee Byrd
Mr. Timothy Getek
Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor

Others Present:

Mr. G. Christian Guvernator IV, PE, Director Environmental Programs
Mr. Tyrone Upshur, Environmental Programs Inspector
Ms. Chontese Ridley, Environmental Programs Permit Specialist
Mr. Justin Apfel, Consultant Kimley Horn
Mr. Randy Owen, Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC)

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. MINUTES

A. February 23, 2017

Mr. Getek pointed out at there was an addition of other matters to the agenda that he commented on. A discussion ensued on this topic with Mr. Frederick speaking on an email sent my Mr. Getek with a wording suggestion for his comments. Mr. Frederick asked Mr. Getek if he was happy with the wording due to them being different from his suggested wording. Mr. Frederick closed the discussion by stating suggestions should be official and part of the record.

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Byrd, the Wetlands Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2017 meeting. Noting to change the date from April 23, 2017 to February 23, 2017.

3. NEW BUSINESS – PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ron Lewis – VMRC# 2017-0389

Mr. Lewis submitted a Joint Permit Application to install a 160 feet long by 26 feet wide Rip-Rap Revetment with a total of 2,600 square feet of impact to non-vegeative wetlands. The property is located in Melfa, Virginia. Tax Map # 100-11-2.

Chris McCabe appeared before the Wetlands Board on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in by Chairman Frederick.

After reviewing the application and plans Mr. Earl Frederick said that he had questions about the project and wanted to hear Mr McCabe's description. Mr. McCabe stated the application was for the proposal of a 160 feet long by 26 feet wide rip-rap revetment.

Mr. McCabe stated that their real request is for stone revetment for shoreline stabilization. With the steep bank, and to get the cut back for marsh creating would not work with the north and west winds in the winter, which is why they have agreed on embankment stabilization.

Mr. Taylor spoke on how eroded the lot was and added that it used to be high land. Mr. McCabe also stated the the rip-rap will connect and be the same size as the neighbors existing rip-raps. He will be using Geo-textiles between the uplands and the rock shown on sheet 3.

It was pointed out that the Geo-textiles was not shown in the drawing behind the rock and Mr. McCabe said he would submit a revised stamped sheet and ask for it to be put in the motion as a condition for approval.

On a motion made by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Mr. Ward, the Wetlands Board voted to issue a permit (valid for (1) year) to Mr. Ron Lewis, VMRC#2017-0389, install a 160 feet long by 26 feet wide Rip-Rap Revetment with a total of 2,600 square feet of impact to non-vegetative wetlands considering the following:

- 1. The use of Geo-textiles**
- 2. The addition of the Rip-Rap on the cover sheet/agenda and to remove the proposed pier from the project description.**

The property is located in Melfa, Virginia. Tax Map # 100-11-2.

After the motion Mr. Taylor said he had a question about:

Paul Webster - VMRC # 2017-0317

The placement of pilings in front of a 110 feet long bulkhead. The property is located in the Piney Island subdivision of Chincoteague, VA 23336. Tax Map # 31A-3-15A.

Mr. Taylor pointed out that this project is going in on a man made canal that is owned by the Maddox family, and that they should include them. Mr. Governator told Mr. Taylor that he would investigate and overlay the parcel information to see who the owner is.

Justin Apfel, Kimley Horn, was sworn in by Chairman Frederick. He asked if the parcel would still show whether or not the Maddox family still owned it. Mr. Taylor told him that the Maddox family owns the whole subdivision and that they dug out the canal. Mr. Frederick stated that Ms.Grimes should be contacted.

Chris Governator , Environmental Programs, was sworn in by Chairman Fredrick. He wanted to inform the board that no application approved by the board gives any person the right to build on property that they do not own. Chris stated again that he would investigate the matter.

On a motion made by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Mr. Ward, the Wetlands Board adjourned .

6. **NEXT MEETING**

The next Wetlands Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Byrd and seconded by Mr. Ward, the Wetlands Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Earl Frederick, Chairman

Chontese Ridley, Environmental Permit Specialist