

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

August 11, 1998

Call to Order

The August 11, 1998 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chair Sherman T. Holmes at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Woodward Building, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Chairman Sherman T. Holmes
Mr. Woodson Armstead
Mr. Elliot Reed

Absent: Mr. M. Dale Taylor
Mr. B. Ulman Miller

Staff present: Thomas Jordan, Planner

Also present was Mr. Chip Neikirk from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the July 14, 1998 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Reed and a second by Mr. Armstead, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Hearing

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing, and the Middlesex County Wetlands Board took action on the following applications:

A. George Dembeck – Application #98-0988

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Dembeck to install a 205' quarry stone revetment, 24-30" in height. This project is located on Wilton Creek, Tax Map #44 (3) 33.

Jay Foster of R&W Construction was present as the agent of Mr. Dembeck. He described the exact location of the revetment on the property and explained its primary purpose is for erosion control. He also said he would remove all of the dead trees located within the project site.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

With there being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-0988 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

B. Walden Brothers – Application #95-0648

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Walden Brothers to construct a 5' wide x 100' long commercial pier. This proposed project is located on Broad Creek, Tax Map #41-112.

Carol Collier was present as agent of Walden Brothers. She explained that the application was previously approved in 1995. Also, she added that her client had let the Wetlands Board permit expire, but Army Corp. and VMRC permits are still valid.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

With there being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #95-0648 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

C. Hunton Creek Association – Application #98-0906

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Hunton Creek Association to install 2,000 sq. ft. of intertidal/subtidal fill as beach nourishment and dredge the proposed area within the Wetlands Board jurisdiction. This project is located on Hunton Creek, Tax Map #40 (9) 5.

David Wilcox, a resident of Hunton Creek was present to speak in support of the proposal. He explained it is an ongoing maintenance project that has been done before.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.
With there being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-0906 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

D. Paul Foster – Application #98-1050

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Foster to construct a 55' groin from the proposed bulkhead and remove the existing damaged structure. The proposed project is located on the Rappahannock River, Tax Map #41 (18) 5.

Alor Grantham Traywick was present as agent to represent Mr. Foster. She explained how the existing damaged groin was placed in the right-of-way, justifying the need to move the new groin to a different location.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.
With there being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1050 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

E. Sharon Blythe – Application #98-1250

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mrs. Blythe to construct approximately 114' of class 1 granite revetment for the control of shoreline erosion occurring through the existing bulkhead. This proposed project is located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map 19C (1A) 16.

Carla Havens, agent of Mrs. Blythe was present to represent her project. She explained that the existing timber wall with old rubble has been there for some time and beginning to bow. She also went on to say the proposal would help to minimize further erosion along the beachfront, and dissipate the wave energy thereby helping to support the present wall.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.
With there being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1250 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

- F. Peggy Blanton – Application #98-1152
- F. Pat Guidt – Application #98-1151
- G. James Coleman – Application #98-1112

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mrs. Blanton and the identical proposals of Mrs. Guidt and Mr. Coleman to install a 6' x 12' x 50' quarry stone revetment with armor. All three proposed projects are located on the Rappahannock River:

Peggy Blanton at Tax Map #98-1152
Pat Guidt at Tax Map #98-1151
James Coleman at Tax Map #98-1112

Jay Foster of R&W Construction was present as the agent for all three applicants. He explained all three projects are identical in nature. All three are located next to a steep bank with a failing timber wall. The proposed revetment and backfilling would serve to stabilize the bank.

Mr. Holmes asked him how he proposed to get the stone there. Mr. Foster answered he would have to barge the stone and the fill in to the site.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.
With there being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Applications #98-1152, #98-1151, and #98-1112 were approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Request for extension – Bobby Abernathy – Application #96-1341

Chairman Holmes read the proposal for an extension by Mr. Abernathy

Chip Neikirk explained the need for an extension due to ongoing litigation over right-of-way with a neighbor, and the extension was needed to allow time for their lawyers to work out an agreement.

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #96-1341 was extended for a term of 18 months.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss. Mr. Reed moved to adjourn the meeting. With a second by Mr. Armstead, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Wetlands Board Chair

Date

