

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

February 9, 1999

Call to Order

The February 9, 1999 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. B. Ulman Miller
Mr. M. Dale Taylor

Absent: Mr. Elliot Reed

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 January 12, 1999 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Reed, 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. Cornelia Lahey – Application #98-2184

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mrs. Lahey to rebuild existing failing riprap structure adding armor stone. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, Tax Map #9B (1A) 4.

Alor Traywick, of Salt and the Earth was present as agent for Mrs. Lahey. She referenced the VIMS report which recommended a landward shifting of the alignment. She stated that the riprap was high enough on the bank that most of it would be out of the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. She also felt it was not necessary to pull the alignment landward as recommended by the VIMS report.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-2184 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

B. Oscar Ringler – Application #98-2231

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Ringler to place 165' of riprap and concrete rubble against an eroding bank face. This project is located on Meachim's Creek, at Tax Map #29A (1A) 3.

Craig Palubinski, of Bayshore Design, was present to represent Mr. Ringler. He explained project and presented photographs to the board. He explained the debris would be removed before the project would be started and class 1 stone would be used. He also stated that the bank would not be graded, due to lack of sufficient room.

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

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-2231 was approved with the following conditions: the placement of the riprap two feet landward of the proposed staked alignment, debris must be removed prior to construction, and a revised drawing be submitted. The permit was approved for a term of 18 months.

C. Bruce Durkee – Application #98-2258

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Durkee to install a 134' timber bulkhead and two 48' low-profile groins. This project is located on the Piankatank River, at Tax Map #41 (64) 1.

Jay Foster, of R&W Construction was present as agent for Mr. Durkee. Mr. Foster, in response to the VIMS recommendation, agreed on deleting the proposed groin in the middle of the property on the Piankatank River.

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. Taylor, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #98-1891 was approved with the of deletion of the groin in the middle of the property, for a term of 18 months.

D. Porpoise Cove Marina – Application #92-0885

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Leroy and Andrea Holt to reactivate and extend their previously approved permit. This application seeks to continue the redevelopment of the existing marina facility to include: removal of existing boathouses and piers, construct 18 covered slips and 8 finger piers on "B" pier and construct 10 uncovered slips and finger piers on "A" pier. This project is located on the Fishing Bay, at Tax Map #45 (4) B 15-16.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt were present to represent themselves. Mr. Holt explained Phase 1 of the project which would include: demolish "B" pier, bulkhead replacement, and then installation of the pilings. Mr. Taylor questioned whether the corner was tied-back properly. Chip Neikirk, from the Virginia Marine Resource Commission approached the Board. He stated debris and material was leaking from the bulkhead. He recommended reactivation on the provision that the leaks in the bulkhead be repaired. Mr. Taylor further questioned the bulkhead.

Chairman Holmes opened the public hearing.

Mr. Charles Koenig, introduced himself and addressed the Board. He was concerned with his view being obstructed. He suggested covered slips and nothing beyond, and went on to say he had no objections as long as there were no walls permitted on the structure.

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

On a motion by Mr. Taylor seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #92-0885 was approved with the following conditions: the leaks in the bulkhead must be repaired and the existing structure must be torn down before construction can be started. The permit was approved for a term of 18 months.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. L. Allen Cavanaugh – Extension Request Permit #97-1143

Chairman Holmes read the extension request. The permit originally authorized construction of a 56' low-profile groin.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, the extension request for Application #97-1143 was approved for a maximum term of 18 months.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss. Mr. Taylor moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Miller, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Wetlands Board Chair

Date