

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

September 14, 1999

Call to Order

The September 14, 1999 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chairman Sherman T. Holmes at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Woodward Building, Saluda, Virginia.

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

Absent: Mr. B. Ulman Miller

Staff present: Thomas Jordan, Planner

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

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the August 10, 1999 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Reed and a second by Mr. Taylor, 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. Alice Oxendine – Application #99-1371

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mrs. Oxendine, to construct 75' of bulkhead. This project is located on Meachim Creek, Tax Map #29A-7-6. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

The applicant was not present to represent their proposal.

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. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #99-1371 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

B. John Hobson – Application #99-1223

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Hobson, to construct 81' of bulkhead in front of an existing deteriorating bulkhead. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, Tax Map #2A-1-17. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Frank Evans, of Evans Contractors, was present as the agent for Mr. Hobson. Mr. Evans explained the proposed bulkhead would be placed in front of the existing bulkhead, which was not placed deep enough into the clay. He then offered to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Mr. 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 #99-1223 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

C. Randy Coulson – Application #99-1517

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Coulson, to construct 150' of bulkhead and to remove the existing rip rap and place it channelward of the new bulkhead. This project is located on Urbanna Creek, Tax Map #20B-4-B. Staff read the VIMS report for the project.

Jay Foster of R&W Construction and Mr. Coulson were both present to represent their project. Mr. Foster stated that the proposed alignment is generally where VIMS had recommended it. The proposal would make the slope 2:1 or 1 1/2 with the toe protection. He also mentioned that all the existing stone would have to be removed to allow filter cloth to be installed. Mr. Coulson discussed his concern about the continuing erosion caused by the wave action from boats and the proximity of his house to the eroding bank.

Mr. Taylor questioned the applicants about the placement of the bulkhead. Mr. Foster responded that the stone would basically be in the same location as it is now with the bulkhead being placed at the landward edge of the existing revetment and then backfilled

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. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #99-1517 was approved with the condition that the bulkhead be aligned at Mean High Water (base of steps) in order to limit further channelward encroachment and use the existing rip rap as bulkhead toe protection. This project was approved for a term of 18 months.

D. Rudolph Taggart – Application #98-0330

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Taggart, to place a layer of armor stone over the existing rip rap structure. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, Tax Map #39A-3-15A. Staff read the VIMS report for the project.

Jay Foster of R&W Construction, agent for Mr. Taggart was present. Mr. Foster stated the existing rip rap revetment is inadequate to absorb the wave energy is in need of a layer of armor stone. He added that the armor stone would be placed upon the existing footprint. He then offered to answer any questions that the Board may have.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Holmes both questioned the proposed stone size. Mr. Foster answered that 300 to 500 lb. armor stone would be used.

Mr. 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 #98-0330 was approved with the condition that armor stone (300-500 lbs.) must be used. This project was approved for a term of 18 months.

E. Beverley Beach Association – Application #99-1491

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Beverley Beach Association, to place 200' of marsh toe stabilization. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, Tax Map #30F-1-P1-1. Staff read the VIMS report for the project.

Carol Collier, agent for the Beverley Beach Association was present. Ms. Collier stated the applicant is experiencing erosion especially around the boat ramp and they are seeking to protect the existing marsh by placing a marsh toe revetment along the eroding fringe.

Mr. 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 #99-1491 was approved with the condition that the Wetlands Board must be notified at the time of project completion. This project was approved for a term of 18 months.

F. Alwyn Wootten – Application #99-1284

Chairman Holmes read the proposal of Mr. Wootten, to install a 24' low-profile groin. This project is located on Sturgeon Creek, Tax Map #40-104-25. Staff read the VIMS report for the project.

Carol Collier, agent for Mr. Wootten was present. Ms. Collier stated the applicant is requesting the same project, approved by the Wetlands Board in last month, for their next door neighbor.

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. Reed, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #99-1284 was approved with the condition that the groin must be artificially filled with sand to the height of the eroding fringe marsh. This project was approved for a term of 18 months.

New Business

A. Kenneth Riser – Extension Request: Permit #98-0186

Chairman Holmes read the extension request. The permit originally authorized the installation of 280' of rip rap

On a motion by Mr. Reed, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried by unanimous vote, the extension request for Application #98-0186 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. Armstead, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Wetlands Board Chair

Date