

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

August 8, 2000

**Call to Order**

The August 8, 2000 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by acting Chairman Elliott Reed at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Woodward Building, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Mr. Elliott Reed  
Mr. Woodson Armstead  
Mr. M. Dale Taylor  
Mr. B. Ulman Miller

Staff present: Thomas Jordan, Planner  
Carrie Nicholas, Recording Secretary

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

**Minutes**

The Board considered the minutes of the July 11, 2000 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Miller and a second by Mr. Armstead, the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Public Hearing**

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

A. David Cottrell – Application #2000-0916.

Chairman Reed read the proposal of Mr. Cottrell, to place 375' of rip rap revetment. This project is located on Urbanna Creek, at Tax Map #20D-1-1&2. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present as the agent for Mr. Cottrell. She explained the project and then offered to answer any questions the Board may have. Mr. Armstead questioned how would the excess material from the bank grading be utilized? Ms. Traywick responded that it would be used to raise the elevation of an adjoining lot, which the applicant also owns.

Chairman Reed 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 #2000-0916 was approved with the condition that an approved Resource Area Development Permit and Land Disturbing Permit must be obtained. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

B. Chesapeake Leisure, LLC. c/o Ron Hall - Application #2000-1189.

Chairman Reed read the proposal of Chesapeake Leisure, LLC., to construct 190' of mid-tide bulkhead and a 16' return wall. This project is located on a canal of Fishing Bay, at Tax Map #40-385. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present as the agent for Mr. Hall. She requested that application #2000-1189 be tabled until next month.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2000-1189 was continued until next month's meeting.

C. Barry Jett - Application #2000-1193.

Mr. Reed read the proposal of Mr. Jett, to construct two 48' low-profile groins. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map #41-53-41 & 41-51-40. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present as the agent for Mr. Jett. She explained the proposal would assist to break up wave energy and be consistent with other groins in the general area.

Mr. Reed 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. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2000-1193 was approved as submitted for a term of 18 months.

D. Bryan McKernon - Application #2000-1194.

Mr. Reed read the proposal of Mr. McKernon, to construct three 48' low-profile groins. This proposed project is located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map #40-8D. Staff read the VIMS report for the project.

Alor Grantham-Traywick was present as the agent for Mr. McKernon. She offered to answer any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Reed 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 #2000-1194 was approved for a term of 18 months.

**Old Business**

A. Tidewater Resource Conservation and Development Council (TRCDC).

Mr. Jordan introduced the letter from the TRCDC requesting the Wetlands Board inform applicants of the problem of Phragmites ("Common Reed") and add language to their Wetland Permits requiring the applicants to monitor their project sites for a period of three years following construction.

Robert Neikirk reported on how other localities were addressing the problem of Phragmites. Richmond County include language in their permit that requires the applicant to control Phragmites if found to be present. Gloucester County handles the matter on a case-by-case basis. He recommended Middlesex model its procedure on Mathews County newly adopted course of action, which included a fact sheet along with the permit to educate the applicant on the adverse impact and how to deal with and Phragmites on a case-by-case basis.

Mr. Reed questioned how much of a problem Phragmites has been in Middlesex County? Mr. Neikirk responded that Phragmites is usually more of a problem in freshwater habitats and is almost always present in disturbed areas. He then explained the process most successful in controlling Phragmites.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, the Board instructed staff to prepare a handout for review at next month's meeting concerning the control Phragmites.

### **New Business**

A. Nomination and Election of Chairman.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, the Board continued action regarding nomination and election of chairman until a new member is appointed.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted.

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Wetlands Board Chair

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