

Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

March 11, 2003

Call to Order

The March 11, 2003 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chairman Miller Smither at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Woodward Building, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Mr. J. Miller Smither - Chairman
Mr. B. Ulman Miller - Vice Chairman
Mr. M. Dale Taylor
Mr. Woodson Armstead
Mr. Archie Brooks

Staff present: Matthew Higgins, Planning Director
Carissa Lee, Planner
Cathy Shiflett, Planning Secretary

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

I. Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the February 11, 2003 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Taylor, and a second by Mr. Miller, the minutes were approved unanimously.

II. Public Hearing

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

A. Timothy O'Hern - Application #2003-2360.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal to remove existing failing bulkhead and replace with a 90' riprap revetment, and place 5' of riprap along existing bulkhead. This project is located on Meachim Creek, at Tax Map # 30A-2-7. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Ms. Alor Grantham-Traywick, agent, was in attendance to represent the project.

Chairman Smither 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. Armstead, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2003-2360 was approved as submitted. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

B. John Newcomb - Application #2002-2330.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal requesting to install 236' of riprap revetment for erosion control. The property for which application is being made is located on Robinson Creek, at Tax Map #19-16-38. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Ms. Alor Grantham-Traywick, agent, was in attendance to represent the project.

Chairman Smither opened the public hearing.
With there being no comments from the public, the hearing was closed.

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2002-2330 was approved as submitted. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

III. Old Business

A. Continued - Harvey Lloyd - Application #2002-1413.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal submitted by Harvey Lloyd, requesting to construct five groins ranging from 50' to 35' and fill the groin cell and install 540' of riprap revetment. This project is located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map # 2-34A. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Mr. Harvey Lloyd, applicant, was in attendance to represent the project. Mr. Lloyd was in agreement with staff recommendations.

Chairman Smither opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Application # 2002-1413 was approved as submitted with the condition that the riprap be aligned with the existing contour of the shoreline. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

IV. New Business

A. Miller Marine, Inc. – Application #2001-1592.

Chairman Smither stated that he and Mr. Ulman Miller were stepping off the Board for this public hearing, as they are related to the applicant. Chairman Smither appointed Mr. Taylor to chair the hearing.

Mr. Taylor read the applicant's request for an extension on a permit to place a sewage treatment discharge pipe underneath and attached to an existing pier. Original permit was granted on November 13, 2001 and expires on May 13, 2003. Staff recommended approval with an expiration date of May 13, 2004.

Mr. Taylor opened the public hearing.

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

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2001-1592 was approved as submitted. This approval is valid for a term of 12 months.

Chairman Smither and Mr. Miller returned to the Board.

B. Administrative

Ms. Lee reminded the Board that the Virginia Wetlands Management Symposium sponsored by VIMS was scheduled for Thursday, March 20, 2003 at the VIMS campus, Gloucester Point. She requested that those interested in attending advise staff as soon as possible.

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