

## Middlesex County Wetlands Board Minutes

January 11, 2005

### **Call to Order**

The January 11, 2005 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  
Amy Easterbrook, Planner  
Cathy Shiflett, Planning Department Secretary

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

### **Minutes**

The Board considered the minutes of the December 14, 2004 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Miller, and a second by Mr. Armstead, the minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Election of Officers**

Mr. Higgins advised the Board that officers were to be elected at the meeting. Mr. Higgins opened the floor for nominations for Chairman.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried by unanimous vote, Mr. Smither was reelected Chairman.

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried by unanimous vote, Mr. Miller was reelected Vice Chairman.

### **Public Hearing**

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

- A. Coves of Wilton Creek Unit Owners Association - Application #2004-2473.

Chairman Smither read the applicant's proposal requesting to install 1,385' of riprap revetment for erosion control. This project is located on Wilton Creek, at Tax Map # 43C-1-B. Staff then read the VIMS report for the project.

Chairman Smither opened the public hearing.

Mr. Richard Johnson, representing the Coves of Wilton Creek Unit Owners Association, was in attendance to represent the project.

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

Chairman Smither related that one letter of opposition was on file from an adjoining property owner, but was determined not to be relevant to the proposed project.

On a motion by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2004-2473 was approved in accordance with staff recommendations and submission of revised drawings. This approval is valid for a term of 18 months.

**New Business**

A. Extension Request – Jeffery and Elizabeth Coughter - Application #2003-0893.

Chairman Smither read the applicant’s request for an extension to install 145’ of riprap revetment. Staff explained that the request for an extension was due to lack of availability of the contractor.

On a motion by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mr. Miller, and carried by unanimous vote, Application #2004-0893 was approved. This extension is valid for a term of 18 months.

B. Regatta Point Update – Environmental Impact Assessment from VIMS.

Mrs. Easterbrook reported that Mr. David O’Brien, VIMS, visited the site and concluded the sediment, while unsightly, would not adversely affect the wetlands or water quality. She explained that Mr. O’Brien expected the effluent to be temporary in nature and added that the problem has since been alleviated.

C. Alternate Board Members

Chairman Smither explained that the by-laws related to alternate board members should be amended to state that alternate board members could not be elected Chairman or Vice chairman.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Armstead, and carried by unanimous the Board voted to have Mrs. Easterbrook amend the Wetlands Board By-laws to state that alternate board members may not serve as Chairman or Vice Chairman.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Wetlands Board Chair

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