

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

November 10, 2009

Call to Order

The November 10, 2009 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chairman J. Miller Smither at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Archie Brooks.

Present: J. Miller Smither – Chairman

Dale Taylor

Woodson Armstead

Mary Ann Willis

Archie Brooks

Staff present: Tripp Little, Wetlands Planner

Absent: Tom Hawksworth – Vice Chairman

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

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the October 13, 2009 meeting. On a motion by Mrs. Willis and seconded by Mr. Armstead, the minutes were approved unanimously as submitted.

Public Hearings

The following applications were considered by the Board:

A. Linda Ludeke – Application #2009-1301

The application to remove and replace 18 linear feet of failed bulkhead. The proposed project is located on the Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel No. 37A-8-9A.

Mr. Little read the VIMS summary and then read the Staff report recommending that the homeowner should submit a new JPA application to add a riprap revetment in front of the bulkhead as soon as she is able.

Ms. Linda Ludeke of Hartfield, VA, applicant, was present.

Chairman Smither opened the hearing for comments from the public. There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Chairman Smither began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the Applicant. Ms. Ludeke asked Mr. Little for a copy of the Staff report, and Mr. Little said he would provide her with a copy.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application, as submitted but with the condition that a new JPA will be required for future riprap revetment, was made by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

B. Joe Davis – Application No. 2009-1388.

The application is to remove existing 10' of wooden bulkhead debris, install 10' of new vinyl bulkhead with a 7' return in the same footprint, 2' high to join existing vinyl bulkhead, and backfill with clean sand. Install a new 40' low profile, vinyl groin, and remove the remnants of a failed wooden groin. The proposed project is located on Urbanna Creek at Tax Map Parcel No. 20A-30-9.

Mr. Little read the VIMS Summary, and then read the Staff report recommending that consideration should be given to the following: Remove all debris from failed groin, and place new low profile groin in the same footprint; nourish with clean sand, and plant vegetation. Great care must be taken to not disturb the existing sand spit and vegetation. Proper tie in to the existing bulkhead, and finish with a proper return. Strongly recommend that the homeowners apply for an RPA Modification permit to add buffer plantings behind the bulkhead.

Ms. Patricia Ryan of Piermasters was present as Agent/Contractor.

Chairman Smither opened the hearing for comments from the public. There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Chairman Smither began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the Agent. The Board discussed the project and was of the opinion that the return was unnecessary.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the application

The motion to approve the revised application to remove existing 10' of wooden bulkhead debris, install 10' of new vinyl bulkhead in the same footprint, 2' high to join existing vinyl bulkhead, and backfill with clean sand and remove remnants of old groin, and replace with new, low-profile groin, with the condition that the permit is on hold pending receipt/approval of revised drawings, was made by Mr. Taylor, seconded by Mrs. Willis and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

C. Dennis and Alecia Dohnal – Application No. 2009-1446

The application to repair approximately 60 linear feet of rip rap revetment, by placing new stone in the footprint of the previous stone that has fallen at a site located on the Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel No. 9A-1-3 was heard before the board.

Mr. Little read the VIMS summary, and then read the Staff report recommending consideration of this application as submitted.

Mr. Dennis Dohnal, applicant, was present.

Chairman Smither opened the hearing for comments from the public. There being no comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Chairman Smither began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the Applicant.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application as submitted, was made by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Armstead, seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date