

# **Middlesex County Wetlands Board**

## **Minutes**

**July 13, 2010**

### **Call to Order**

The July 13, 2010 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 Chairman J. Miller Smither.

Present: J. Miller Smither – Chairman  
Dale Taylor  
Woodson Armstead  
Tom Hawksworth, Vice Chairman  
Archie Brooks  
Wesley Dolezal, Alternate

Staff present: Tripp Little, Wetlands Planner

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

### **Minutes**

The Board considered the minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting. On a motion by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Brooks, the minutes were approved.

### **Public Hearings**

The following applications were considered by the Board:

A. William H. Alderman, Jr. – Application # 2010-0642

The Application is to remove an existing riprap revetment and apply 150 cubic yards of beach nourishment. The proposed project is located on LaGrange Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 19-19-6.

Mr. Little read the VIMS Summary and then read the Staff report recommending the application be approved as submitted with the stipulation that appropriate wetlands vegetation be re-established.

Ben Burton of Bay Design, was present as Agent.

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.

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 with staff recommendations was made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Brooks, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

B. Robert D. Whitehurst – Application # 2010-0739

The Application is to install 60 linear feet of riprap revetment in place of a timber wall on the North side of the site and to place 160 linear feet of riprap revetment 4' channelward of an existing bulkhead on the West side. The proposed project is located on Fishing Bay, at Tax Map Parcel #46-3-A.

Mr. Little read the VIMS Summary and then read the Staff report recommending the application be approved with the stipulation that Class 2 Stone be used on the West shoreline.

Jay Foster of R&W Marine Construction was present as Agent.

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.

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

The motion to approve the application with Staff recommendations was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Taylor, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

C. David Malechek – Application # 2010-0878

The Application is to install 55 linear feet of marsh toe sill, backfill with clean sand, and populate with *Spartina patens*. The proposed project is located on a cove off the Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel #43-17-2.

Mr. Little read the VIMS Summary and then read the Staff report recommending the application be approved with the VIMS recommendation to expand the width of the Marsh.

Ms. Michelle Meredith of Hammertime was present as Agent.

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.

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

The motion to approve the application with staff recommendations was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Hawksworth, and carried unanimously. The permit will be good for 18 months.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Chairman Smither stated that he wanted to discuss the status of the Beaches and Dunes Ordinance. He stated that this ordinance was not heard by the Board of Supervisors because they are too busy right now.

Chairman Smither asked Michelle Meredith of Hammertime for her comments on this matter. Ms. Meredith said that she feels it would be a great disservice to the citizens of the county to have to go to Newport News in order to receive permits under the Beaches and Dunes Act. She also stated that receiving a permit in this manner takes 10 times longer. VIMS does not go and visit the sites to see what is actually going on and this presents problems.

Chairman Smither invited Mr. Foster of R&W Marine Construction to make comments regarding this matter. Mr. Foster stated that he had 2 cases that have to go to VIMS and that his customers were very unhappy with going to Newport News. Mr. Foster also stated that it is ridiculous that Beaches and Dunes has not been adopted by the Board of Supervisors and all surrounding counties have adopted it.

Chairman Smither wanted the record to reflect that he has no points of contention with the Board of Supervisors and feels this is a misunderstanding between the Chairman of the Board and himself.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded by Mr. Hawksworth, and carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Wetlands Board Chair

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Date