

## **Middlesex County Wetlands Board**

### **Minutes**

**October 11, 2011**

#### **Call to Order**

The October 11, 2011 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by J. Miller Smither (Chairman) at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia.

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

Staff present: Dave Kretz, Planner

Also present was Mr. Jay Woodward from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC).

#### **Minutes**

The Board considered the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Brooks and carried unanimously.

#### **Public Hearings**

- A. Wetlands Application # 2011-1315** submitted by Michelle Meredith on behalf of Pat Linnell. This request is to grade back the shoreline cliff to a 2:1 slope, which will remove 44 trees that prohibit vegetation growth. Filter Cloth will be laid and 8' width of rip rap to be installed along the 431' shoreline. Class I & Class II stone will be used within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Jackson Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 40-390.

Michelle Meredith was present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed construction.

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 was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried unanimously.

**B. Wetlands Application # 2011-1359** submitted by Coastal Marine Consulting on behalf of Forrest McGee. This request is to install 130' of class II riprap revetment in front of existing bulkhead within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 30G-1-11.

Carissa Agnese was present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed construction.

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 was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

**Old Business:** Wetlands Board By-Laws: Additional revisions are to be made and discussed at the November Board Meeting.

**New Business:** Staff noted that the County Fee Ordinance, specifically the current twenty five dollar Wetlands review fee, is in the process of being revised. Staff advised the Board that certain items would be exempt from the current review fee. Staff also noted that exemption from the fee would not necessarily exempt applicant from permit.

The Board discussed the Harmony Village District representative. Chairman Smither expressed his concern about the lack of a new appointee for Harmony Village District. It was noted that Mr. Taylor is currently occupying the seat with a term that expired in June of 2011 and he had been appointed to serve in the Saluda District. After a brief discussion, Mr. Taylor noted that he would continue to serve until he was told to step down. The Board Members discussed and asked that a letter be drafted by staff addressed to the Board of Supervisors to apprise them of this situation. Also discussed was the possibility of Mr. Brooks' expired appointment.

### **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Wetlands Board Chair

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Date