

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

September 13, 2011

Call to Order

The September 13, 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 August 9, 2011 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

New Business: A. Extension Request – VMRC # 2006-1024 – Tyndall L. Baucom

Maintenance dredge a maximum of 103 cubic yards from an existing boat slip and groin, requesting maintenance dredge permit be issued.

Mr. Baucom was present to explain the reason for the extension.

Chairman Smither began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and Mr. Baucom. There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Smither asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to extend the permit 120 days was made by Mr. Hawksworth and seconded by Mr. Brooks and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

- A. Coastal Primary Sand Dune Application # 2010-0686 submitted by Steve Malise on behalf of Sarah Carneal. This request is to revise previously authorized timber jetty to a 50' x 6' rock jetty within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 44-3-25.**

Steve Malise and Sarah Carneal were 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.

- B. Wetlands Application # 2011-1011 submitted by Riverworks, Inc. on behalf of Joyce Sylvia. This request is to install 8' wide x 5' tall class III revetment in front of existing wall. Install a 15' timber spur off the existing timber groin. Enlarge the rock Breakwater to 18' wide x 90' long and add 300 cubic yards of Beach Nourishment within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 30G-1-6.**

Jeff Watkins and Joyce Sylvia were present to represent the applicant and to explain the proposed construction.

Chairman Smither opened the hearing for comments from the public. Mr. Hellem, an adjoining property owner, spoke in favor of the proposed project. Mrs. Linda Brown, also an adjoining property owner, voiced her concerns regarding the loss of sand and beach in front of her property. She asked if guarantees that loss of sand and beach would not occur. Chairman Smither, Jay Woodward (VMRC) and Jeff Watkins (Agent) indicated that such assurances could not be made. Chairman Smither noted that a property owner has a right to protect their property. Photographs provided by Mrs. Brown were entered in as evidence.

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. Hawksworth and carried unanimously.

- C. Wetlands Application # 2011-1013 submitted by SBH Construction Co., Inc. on behalf of Christopher & Julie Rouzie. This request is to to construct a 43 linear foot armor stone revetment over filter cloth against an existing bulkhead. Structure will connect with a neighboring revetment and will end at the existing wooden groin located beside the pier within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 41-17B.**

Betty Pugh was present to explain the proposed improvements.

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. Brooks and carried unanimously.

- D. Wetlands Application # 2011-1020 submitted by Mid-Atlantic on behalf of Bea Maurer. This request is to construct a 100' Breakwater with beach nourishment and vegetation. Site to be accessed from an existing upland access way. No grading or clearing will be required. All denuded areas to be re-vegetated with appropriate vegetation within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 44-2-14.**

Karla Havens was present to explain the proposed improvements. 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. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried unanimously.

- E. Wetlands Application # 2011-1074 submitted by Michelle Meredith on behalf of Randy Kohr. This request is to replace a 37' section of already authorized 69' groin with vinyl. This portion of the groin is deteriorating along the waterline. No spurs or knees to be added to this groin. Replace a 60' section of an already authorized 88' groin with vinyl. Also replace 16' spur and (3) 10' knees off to the east side of groin #2 within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Chesapeake Bay, at Tax Map Parcel # 41-44-13.**

Michelle Meredith was present to explain the proposed improvements. 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. Brooks and carried unanimously.

- F. Wetlands Application # 2011-1239 submitted by Stanley Dixon on behalf of John McKone. This request is to add 23' of Rip-Rap to existing Rip-Rap using class A1 Stone with filter cloth. Access to be by existing driveway with no grading to be done within the**

Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Healy Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 39D-1-13.

Stanley Dixon and John McKone were present to explain the proposed improvements. 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. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Taylor and carried unanimously.

Old Business: Wetlands Board By-Laws: Mr. Dolezal noted revisions to By-Laws. Revisions are to be made and discussed at October Board Meeting.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date