

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

October 8, 2013

Call to Order

The October 8, 2013 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Tom Hawksworth (Chairman) at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Tom Hawksworth- Chairman
Monica Sanders-Vice Chairman
Woodson Armstead
John Boyd
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 10, 2013 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mrs. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

A. Wetlands Application # 2013-1179 submitted by Jim Jessie on behalf of Paul Dickinson. This request is to Construct a 144' low profile timber groin on the south side of the property, next to an existing 144' failing groin, and install a 16' timber spur at mean low water on the north side of the groin and construct a 64' low profile timber groin on the north side of the property, next to an existing 64' failing groin, and install a 16' timber spur at mean low water on the south side of the groin within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 46-2-15.

Judy Jessie was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Hawksworth opened the hearing for comments from the public.

There being no additional comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Chairman Hawksworth began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the agent.

Chairman Hawksworth asked for disposition of the application. The motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously.

B. Wetlands Application # 2013-1359 submitted by SBH Construction co., Inc. on behalf of Janet J. Wilton. This request is to install approximately 60 linear feet of vinyl bulkhead to meet with

neighboring bulkhead in order to aid in protection of a deteriorating embankment on the Piankatank River within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 36B-1-B-6

Betty Pugh was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Hawksworth opened the hearing for comments from the public.

There being no additional comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

Chairman Hawksworth began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the agent.

Discussion between the Board and the agent centered on the proposed location of the bulkhead. Board members questioned the agent as to why the bulkhead had to be located channelward as far as it was proposed and why it could not be relocated closer to the bank. The agent indicated that the upland bank was covered with dense vegetation and moving the structure back may cause the bank to fail when the structure is constructed. The agent indicated that this would occur when the vegetation would have to be removed for construction of the tiebacks.

Jay Woodward, with VMRC, spoke about several options for construction.

The Board and the agent continued their discussion on the project.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Hawksworth asked for disposition of the application. The motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mr. Dolezal and seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried with a 4-1, with Mr. Hawksworth dissenting, for an 18 month time limit.

Old Business:

New Business:

Vice Chairman Sanders made a proposal for the Board to observe a moment of silence prior to the start of the public hearing. The motion was made by Mr. Boyd seconded by Mr. Armstead and carried unanimously.

Staff announced that Mr. Dolezal had been appointed by the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Chairman Hawksworth. The appointment shall be valid until June 2014, which is the current term expiration date for Mr. Hawksworth.

Mr. Hawksworth announced a luncheon for Board members and staff after the December meeting.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date