

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

January 13, 2015

Call to Order

The January 13, 2015 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Dave Kretz. (Staff representative) at 9:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Wesley Dolezal - Chairman
Monica Sanders-Vice Chairman
Woodson Armstead
John Boyd
David Laughton

Staff present: Dave Kretz, Zoning and Environmental Officer,

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

Organizational Meeting (Election of Officers)

The motion to nominate Wesley Dolezal for Chairman was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Laughton and carried unanimously.

The motion to nominate Monica Sanders for Vice Chairman was made by Mr. Laughton and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously.

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the December 9, 2014 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 # 2014-1572 submitted by James B. Blake III on behalf of Samuel M. Gaddy. This request is to Construct (2) new 48' jetties with 2 each spurs 16' at 1 foot out from MLW within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Fishing Bay, at Tax Map Parcel # 46-6-53.

Jimmy Blake was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Dolezal opened the hearing for comments from the public.

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

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

Mr. Woodward addressed the Board and conveyed comments relative to the application.

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

The motion to approve the application, as submitted, was made by Mrs. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Laughton and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit with the following condition: *Submit revised plan that reflects a change to a low profile groin with the removal of the spurs.*

B. Wetlands Application # 2014-1769 submitted by Bayshore Design, LLC on behalf of Willis & Suzette Hutchens. This request is to Construct a 32' and a 21' rip-rap revetment along the base of an eroding bank and construct a 45' and a 80' rip-rap sill along the toe of an eroding marsh fringe within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Jackson Creek, at Tax Map Parcel # 40-237.

Craig Palubinski was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Dolezal opened the hearing for comments from the public.

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

Chairman Dolezal 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 Dolezal asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application, as submitted, was made by Mr. Laughton and seconded by Mrs. Sanders, and carried unanimously with an 18 month time limit.

Old Business:

New Business:

Vice Chairman Sanders suggested that public meetings should be scheduled for the purpose of educating property owners who are considering shoreline erosion projects. The Board then discussed the feasibility of sponsoring educational meetings and how the meetings may be structured. The Board took no action at this time pending additional investigation and analysis.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date