

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

March 13, 2018

Call to Order

The March 13, 2018 meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Wesley Dolezal (Chairman), 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: Marc Longest, Environmental & Codes Compliance Officer

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

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the February 13, 2018 meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mrs. Sanders and carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

- A. **Wetlands Application # 2018-0025** submitted by Bay Design Group on behalf of Eric Lott. This request is to east stabilization will involve the partial (vertical) removal of approximately 370 LF existing deteriorated wooden bulkhead with replacement by rip-rap revetment and bank grading. This eastern revetment will impact .10 acres below MHW with backfill volume of 200 +/- CY rip-rap below MHW. The South Shore stabilization will include repair/replacement, bank fill and bank grading of approximately 235 LF existing "collapsed" rip-rap revetment. The western revetment will impact .03 acres below MHW with backfill volume of 50 +/- CY rip-rap below MHW within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 45(8)1.

Wayne Savage 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. Savage stated that some material (brick and concrete) remains from the demolished home would be used as core material for the proposed rip-rap. Chairman Dolezal stated that this would need to be reflected in revisions that need to be submitted. Chairman Dolezal and Mr. Woodward discussed the placement of

MHW and MLW on the proposed projects site plans for showing the importance were each agency's jurisdiction starts and ends. Overall drawings were great and to scale.

Jay Woodward, VMRC, permit required, waiting on approval from wetlands board.

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Lott, property owners, were present to thank the board for the time spent looking at the project.

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

The motion to approve the application pending revisions was made by Mrs. Sanders and seconded by Mr. Laughton and carried unanimously with an 18 Month time limit with the following condition: revisions to note the use of brick and concrete remnants as the core base only.

- B. **Wetlands Application # 2018-0079** submitted by GSC Commercial on behalf of Don & Pia Steinbrugge. This request is to rip rap bulkhead in front of existing timber bulkhead that has failed in certain areas and getting wash over in high wave storms. The Class II Core, Class III Armor will break the wave action and stop the erosion within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 46(7)66.

Gary Cosby 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. Chairman Dolezal asked RPA Modifications on the site. Mr. Longest stated that there were none on file, but the disturbance was due to erosion and an attempt to fix damage due to the shoreline. Mr. Laughton stated the project was necessary. Mr. Woodward stated it would need a permit from VMRC.

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 Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously with an 18 Month time limit.

- C. **Wetlands Application # 2018-0099** submitted by GSC Commercial on behalf of Danny Walker. This request is to build 134' marsh sill with class I & II rip rap approximately 3' tall by 6' width to protect the existing march grasses and to promote new marsh grass growing to the rip rap within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Little Lake, at Tax Map Parcel # 41(39)17.

Gary Cosby 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. Plenty of sand storage close to owners home was noted for the beach nourishment. Mr. Woodward stated this would be a great site that meets the Group II Living shoreline, but the fetch is too great due to exposure of more than 1.5 miles. This as stated is the example of what a living shoreline represents. Mr. Laughton stated it was a good project. Mr. Cosby stated this project is needed due to the amount of erosion that Mr. Walker is experiencing on his property.

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. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously with an 18 Month time limit.

- D. **Wetlands Application # 2018-0100** submitted by GSC Commercial on behalf of Kelly O'Toole. This request is to build a 48' timber bulkhead in front of existing bulkhead, backfill holes with sand then dirt, seed and straw, add a new 40' section of bulkhead at MHW in front of house within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 40-387A.

Gary Cosby was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Dolezal opened the hearing for comments from the public.

Mrs. Janice Moore, 50 Ruarks Lane, spoke in opposition to the proposed project on the O'Toole property. She questioned why the owners did not want to design a living shoreline, which would save the shore, and she would not like to lose her existing shoreline. She does not allow anyone to cut the grass, remove the grass, or damage her shoreline in any way possible. Questioned why owner could not do something else besides the bulkhead as proposed. Mr. Woodward stated that there are ways to save her shore. Simple groin would work, adding a sill, using a ready-reef product or a bulkhead. These projects would build her shoreline and save it from erosion. Mr. Armstead stated that this permit was to save the house considering the close proximity to the existing shoreline. It was suggested that possibly the O'Toole property could add a groin the end of the newly proposed addition groin. This would require a revision, resubmitted, re-advertising and would need homeowner response. Chairman Dolezal stated that the project as proposed was an approvable project and there were no reasons why it can be denied, but if it extended to her property line, there may be objection.

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. Cosby stated that he would converse with the applicant about the following:

- Adding a possible groin to the end of the new proposed bulkhead to build up sand
- Utilizing vinyl instead of timber for the proposed bulkhead.

These revisions would require submittal to VMRC and may need to be re-advertised and go before the board again.

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.

- E. **Wetlands Application # 2018-0107** submitted by Delta Marine Construction on behalf of Thomas Williams. This request is to demo, dispose of and reconstruct approximately 83' of vinyl wall 3-4' tall. To install weep holes every 6' on center within the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on Rappahannock River, at Tax Map Parcel # 8B (2) A1.

Brian Fletcher 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. Laughton stated this was necessary. Chairman Dolezal noted that page 16 of the report showed encroachment, when if placed in the same footprint, none would be observed. Additionally the drawing submitted differed and the agent would correct to show the placement of the new vinyl bulkhead to be in the same footprint as the existing bulkhead. Mrs. Sanders stated the job was necessary.

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

The motion to approve the application pending revisions was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried unanimously with an 18 Month time limit with the following condition:

- Submittal of corrections to the encroachment and drawings showing proposed bulkhead will be placed in the same footprint with no impacts.

Old Business: None

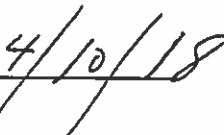
New Business: None

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,


Wetlands Board Chair


Date