

WETLANDS BOARD

MINUTES

JULY 10, 1991

A. ROLL CALL

Mr. Hughes  
Mr. Gussman  
Ms. McCleary

Absent:

Mr. Lindsey  
Mr. Cobb

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Patton, Code Compliance Officer

B. MINUTES

The minutes of the May 8, 1991, were approved with corrections.

C. OLD BUSINESS

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

W-9-91. BASF Corp. VMRC #91-0775

Mr. Farmer presented the staff's report stating that O'Brien & Gere Engineers, Inc. on behalf of BASF Corporation have made application for a wetlands permit to install a rip rap outfall in tidal wetlands adjacent to Wood Creek, a tributary to Skiffes Creek in James City County. The purpose of the outfall is to divert the runoff from 31 acres of undisturbed property from entering an old contaminated fill site. Diverting the runoff will preclude having to pump the water out the fill site to a treatment facility.

The proposed outfall is to be fifteen feet wide and extend thirty feet channelward of Mean High Water to a depth of 1.5 feet. Approximately 25 cubic yards of vegetated wetlands material will be excavated and replaced with rip rap resulting in a loss of approximately 450 square feet of vegetated wetlands.

The staff made a joint site visit with Jay Lipscomb of VMRC and Lyle Varnell of VIMS. The wetlands involved are Group I, Type XII (brackish water mixed). The site area consists of a very large Type XII marsh. The VIMS report concludes that the project would have minimal impact on the wetlands site.

It is the staff recommendation that a permit be granted to install a rip rap outfall as a part of an overall storm water diversion swale as proposed by the applicant with the following conditions:

1. No work on the outfall is to begin until all necessary permits from the Army Corps, State Water Quality Control Board, James City County Erosion and Sediment Control division and related agencies are obtained.

2. Erosion and sedimentation control devices must be in place prior to land disturbing activities.

3. Mats or other suitable measures must be employed to support equipment while working in the vegetated wetlands to minimize the disturbance during the dredging and rip rap installation.

4. All wetlands vegetation destroyed outside of the rip rap area must be replanted and monitored for two growing seasons to insure revegetation with suitable wetlands vegetation.

Mr. Hughes opened the public hearing.

There was no one present to speak on the case.

Mr. Hughes closed the public hearing.

Ms. McCleary asked how condition #3 would be enforced.

Mr. Farmer explained that through erosion and sedimentation inspections and site visits from the Code Compliance staff, enforcement could be insured.

Mr. Hughes closed the public hearing.

Mr. Gussman moved to grant a Wetlands Permit with the recommended conditions.

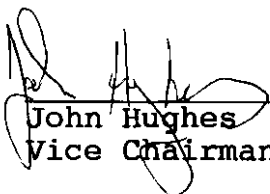
The vote for approval was unanimous.

E. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Farmer informed the Board of the reception for Carolyn Murphy to be held July 12, 1991.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

  
John Hughes  
Vice Chairman

  
Bernard M. Farmer, Jr.  
Secretary