

**MINUTES**  
**JAMES CITY COUNTY CHESAPEAKE BAY BOARD/WETLANDS BOARD**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**County Government Center, Building D**  
**101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185**  
**March 22, 2021**  
**2:00 PM**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Wetlands and Chesapeake Bay Board Joint Work Session for March 22, 2021, was called to order.

The responsibility of the Wetlands Board is to carry out locally, the Commonwealth policy to preserve the wetlands and to accommodate economic activity so as to prevent their despoliation.

The responsibility of the Chesapeake Bay Board is to carry out locally the Commonwealth policy to protect against and minimize pollution and deposition of sediment in wetlands, streams, and lakes in James City County which are tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay.

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**

Halle Dunn, Vice Chairman Wetlands, Vice Chairman Chesapeake Bay  
Charles Roadley  
Larry Waltrip  
David Gussman, Remote Access  
Robert Lukens, Remote Access  
William Apperson, Remote Access  
Michael O'Brien, Remote Access

A motion to allow the Remote Participation was made by Chuck Roadley and approved on a voice vote.

**Board Members Absent:**

None

**Other Staff Present:**

Toni Small, Director, Stormwater and Resource  
Protection Liz Parman, Assistant County Attorney  
Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource  
Protection Trevor Long, Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource  
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**C. PRESENTATIONS**

1. Proposed Wetlands Guidance

Mr. Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, presented the proposed Wetlands Guidance from the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

Discussion ensued about maintenance of structures, phragmites removal, and conflicts with the proposed Chesapeake Bay regulations.

2. Proposed Chesapeake Bay Preservation Area (CBPA) Amendment - Trees

Mr. Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, presented the proposed Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance amendment for trees.

Discussion ensued about promoting successional type restoration through the Virginia Department of Forestry and prioritizing the Riparian Buffer Manual updates, including adding in alternative strategies for water quality protection.


3. Proposed CBPA Amendment - Climate Change


Mr. Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, presented the proposed Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance amendment for climate change.

Discussion ensued about how the proposed regulations introduce subjectivity into the regulations instead of using clarifying language. The Board is not a big proponent of using models.

#### D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. Roadley and approved on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

  
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Halle Dunn ~~David Crossman~~  
~~Vice Chairman, Chesapeake Bay Board~~  
~~Vice Chairman, Wetlands Board~~

  
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Michael Woolson  
Secretary to the Board