

WETLANDS BOARD

MINUTES

July 16, 1987

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present

Henry Lindsey
John Hughes
Richard Apperson

Members Absent

Ralph Cobb
Carolyn Lowe

Others Present

Bernard M. Farmer, Jr.
Kirk Havens, VIMS
Tony Watkinson, VMRC

2. MINUTES

The May 21, 1987 minutes were approved.

3. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to be discussed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

W-7-87. Joe Williams

The staff recommended that approval be granted for 64 linear feet of bulkheading at 7232 Otey Drive subject to the following conditions:

1. The bulkhead be constructed at mean high water as proposed by the contractor along the toe of the bank.
2. The contractor obtain a building permit prior to construction.
3. The contractor contact the Code Compliance Office for an inspection of the filter cloth prior to backfilling.
4. The permit term shall expire on 7/16/88.

The public hearing was opened.

Mr. Martin, of 7230 Otey Drive, questioned how far into the canal the mooring pier would be placed. Tony Watkinson explained that since this is a man-made canal the final authority stands with the Army Corps of Engineers. However, 1/3 to 1/4 of the distance across the creek is standard.

The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the staff recommendation.

The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

W-9-87. Brian Jensen

The staff recommended that approval be granted for 80 linear feet of tongue and groove bulkheading and 12 linear feet of rip rap at 127 Brans-

come Boulevard subject to the following conditions:

1. The bulkhead be constructed at mean high water and follow the curvature of the shoreline along the toe of the bank.
2. The applicant obtain a building permit prior to construction.
3. The applicant contact the Code Compliance Office for an inspection of the filter cloth prior to backfilling.
4. The permit term shall expire on July 16, 1988.

There was a brief discussion about the need for rip rap. Broken concrete is acceptable rip rap material as long as it does not contain rebar.

The public hearing was opened. No one requested to speak on the case, so the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the staff recommendation.

Mr. Apperson seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

W-10-87. Allen Hayter

The staff recommended that approval be granted for 110 linear feet of tongue and groove bulkheading subject to the following conditions:

1. The bulkhead be constructed at mean high water along the toe of the bank.
2. The contractor obtain a building permit prior to construction.
3. The contractor contact the Code Compliance Office for an inspection of the filter cloth prior to backfilling.
4. The permit term shall expire on July 16, 1988.

Mr. Lindsey asked if this bulkhead was set back from the other bulkheads next to it. Mr. Farmer confirmed that the bulkhead is set back from the other bulkheads.

The public hearing was opened. No one came forward to speak and the public hearing was closed.

Mr. Apperson said he would have let the people tie into the bulkheads on either side of the property, but no one requested to do so.

Mr. Hughes made a motion to modify the staff recommendation to allow Mr. Hayter to tie into the existing bulkheading at lot 47 and continue in a straight line and tie into the bulkhead at lot 49.

The motion was approved unanimously.

W-8-87. Dudley Waltrip.

The Staff recommended that a wetlands permit be issued for construction of the eastern-most two breakwaters as proposed subject to the following conditions:

1. That the location (distance offshore) be fixed and agreed upon by VMRC and VIMS, prior to the work beginning.
2. That the concrete rubble presently placed along the toe of the bluff, which is full of asphalt, soil, and rebar, be removed and replaced with compacted granular fill and armor rock.
3. That no fill be placed closer to the mouth of the existing tidal inlet to the marsh than the existing end of the concrete rubble.
4. That the Office of Code Compliance be notified when work is to commence so that inspections can be made in progress.
5. That all disturbed upland areas be fully seeded with fescue or other suitable grasses to prevent erosion.
6. That all beach nourishment or fill areas be seeded or sprigged with saltmeadow hay or other vegetation approved by VIMS.
7. That the permit shall expire one year from date of issuance.

The public hearing was opened.

The Board members were concerned about several matters, the first being the rubble at the site. They wanted it removed as soon as possible. Concern was also voiced about the work to be done at the site and the possibility that it might interfere with the tidal flow.

There was also a lengthy discussion as to whether the third breakwater (the one farthest from Drummond's Field) was needed. It was pointed out that you may lose the tidal influence by placing the breakwater at the mouth of the marsh.

Mike Kelly, of Espey, Huston, & Associates, called attention to the new proposal for a groin/revetment area in front of the marsh area. The Board members had not had a chance to look at the proposal yet.

Mr. Backman expressed concern that the swamp would fill up with sand and other fill material.

When Kirk Havens was asked for his opinion, he declined to give one since he had only received the new proposal at the meeting that evening.

Mr. Lindsey made a motion to table this case until next month's meeting. This was due to the short time period that Board members and the VMRC and VIMS representatives had to study the contractor's proposal.

The motion was unanimously approved.

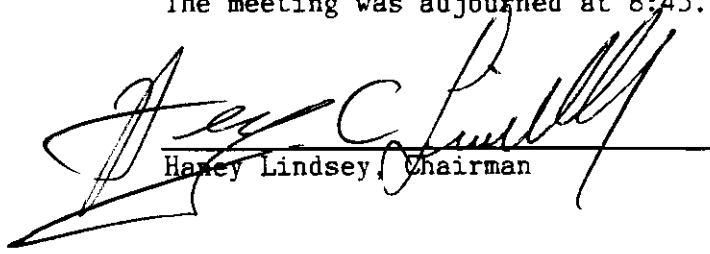
The public hearing will remain open at the next meeting.

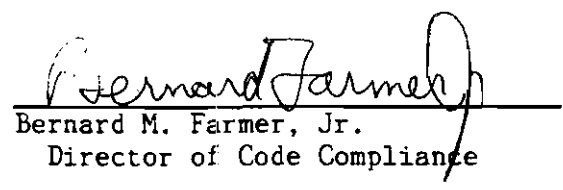
4. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Hughes inquired as to whether Mr. Hockaday had applied for a wetlands permit. Mr. Farmer indicated he had, but the case had not been scheduled yet.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.


Haley Lindsey, Chairman


Bernard M. Farmer, Jr.
Director of Code Compliance