

WETLANDS BOARD

MINUTES

JULY 8, 1992

A. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mr. Gussman  
Mr. Hughes  
Ms. McCleary

ABSENT

Mr. Lindsey  
Mr. Cobb

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bernard M. Farmer, Jr. Secretary to the Board

B. MINUTES

The minutes of the May 13, 1992, meetings were approved as presented.

C. OLD BUSINESS

None

D. NEW BUSINESS

W-15-92

Mr. Farmer presented the staff report stating that James R. Gunn of Coastal Design & Construction, Inc., contractor, on behalf of Busch Properties, Inc., has made application for a wetlands permit to install one hundred ninety five (195) feet of rip rap revetment and a twenty five (25) foot spur on the bank of the James River in tidal wetlands.

He stated site visits were conducted by the County staff, VMRC, and VIMS. The site consists of shore line along the James River varying from Type XV sand/mud mixed flat community along an eight foot high severely eroding bluff to a Type XII Brackish water mixed community marsh. The existing concrete rubble along the upstream edge of the site has probably added to the scouring and erosion downstream to the marsh. The rip rap revetment is an appropriate solution to controlling the erosion of the scarp and the spur should help stabilize the marsh area and avoid scouring potential from the rip rap revetment.

It is the staff recommendation that a permit be granted for 195 feet of rip rap revetment and a 25 foot spur as shown on the Joint Permit Application VMRC #92-0738 with the following conditions:

1. All shoreline construction work shall be done so as to minimize destruction of existing wetlands and to preserve the trees and vegetation along the bank.

2. A turbidity curtain and silt fence be used and in place prior to sloping the bank and putting the rip rap in place to minimize siltation and sediment going into the river and marsh.

3. The applicant shall furnish a detailed dimensional drawing showing distances from fixed points, consistent with the drawing accompanying this application, for approval prior to commencing work.

4. This permit shall expire on July 8, 1993.

Mr. Hughes as Vice Chairman opened the public hearing.

Mr. Gunn spoke saying he was prepared to answer any questions.

Ms. McCleary questioned whether removal of the vegetation as recommended by SEAS was appropriate.

Mr. Farmer explained the SEAS recommendation in relation to the proposed project.

Mr. Hughes closed the public hearing.

Mr. Gussman moved to grant the permit as requested with staff's conditions.

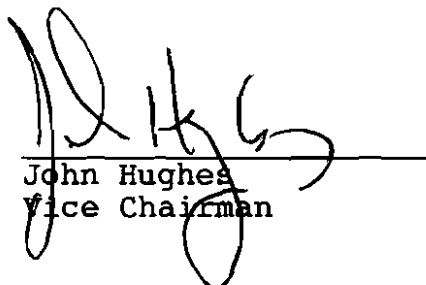
The vote for approval was unanimous.

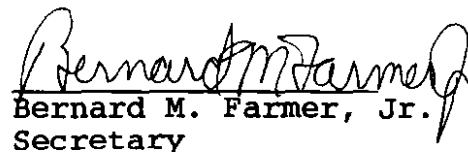
**E. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

None

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

  
John Hughes  
Vice Chairman

  
Bernard M. Farmer, Jr.  
Secretary