

WETLANDS BOARD

MINUTES

JUNE 12, 1996

A. ROLL CALL

ABSENT

Mr. Hughes
Mr. Lindsey
Mr. Jones
Mr. Waltrip
Mr. Gussman

OTHERS PRESENT

Jacqueline White, Zoning
Jay Lipscomb, VMRC

B. MINUTES

Minutes of April 10, 1996 were approved.

C. OLD BUSINESS

D. NEW BUSINESS

W-9-96/VMRC 96-0602, J. Hardin Boyer

Mr. Hardin Boyer has applied for a wetlands permit to construct 308 feet of rip rap revetment at 213 Sherwood Forest Drive, in the Riverview Plantation subdivision. The property is further identified as parcel (2-8) found on James City County Real Estate Tax Map (17-3).

The property in question consists of an extensive fringe marsh along the western edge of the York River. The property owners desire to limit and control the erosion along the property. Representatives from Code Compliance visited the site on May 30, 1996. It is estimated that approximately 1848 square feet of tidal area (Type XV) will be impacted by this request.

It is staff's recommendation that a wetlands permit be issued for this application with the following conditions:

1. The rip rap overtopping apron shall be no more than 1 foot to reduce the loss of vegetated wetlands, and the height of the revetment shall not exceed mean high water.

2. The rip rap revetment shall have a 2:1 slope.
3. The toe of the rip rap shall be buried no less than 1 foot.
4. The project shall be accessed by water or by a single access with mats to be used to lessen the impacts to the marsh during construction. The mats shall be removed upon completion of construction and the vegetation sprigged to restore it to its original state. In no case shall equipment or personnel traverse across sections of the marsh but must work from the mat or rip rap revetment.
5. An inspection of the filter cloth must be made and approved by staff prior to overfilling with rip rap.
6. This permit shall expire on June 12, 1997.

Mr. Lindsey opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jones asked The Salt and The Earth representative, agent for Mr. Boyer, what were they going to do with the drain on the west end of the project.

The Salt and The Earth representative stated that in some cases if there is not a lot of sediment, they will use filter cloth otherwise they will leave it as is.

Mr. Waltrip asked where were they going to access to lessen the impact on the marsh.

The Salt and The Earth representative stated that there will be an access on either side of the pier and place timber mats to do the work on and then remove them upon completion.

Mr. Lindsey asked if the applicant was aware that staff has recommended a single access rather than double access on either side of the pier.

The Salt and The Earth representative stated that the only way to resolve the issue is to take out a section of the pier.

Mr. Lindsey asked the Board how the issue of the access was going to be resolved. Mr. Lindsey further asked if the staff should work it out with the contractor or should the board resolve this issue.

Mr. Hughes stated that normally this type of issue is deferred to the staff to resolve with the applicant. Mr. Jones and Mr. Gussman concurred.

Mr. Lindsey asked The Salt and The Earth representative if this would be agreeable. The representative stated yes.

Mr. Waltrip asked how they were going to transition down to the matted area on the marsh.

The Salt and The Earth representative stated that it was her understanding from the contractor

that he had hoped to stage on both ends and have a mat at the bottom so that when the stone was placed at the bottom they would then carry the stone out by hand.

Mr. Lindsey closed the public hearing.

The Board reworded #4 of the staff's recommendation to state "... Project access shall be in a manner acceptable to both county staff and the applicant. ...".

Mr. Gussman moved to approve the permit with the amended staff recommendation.

The motion was passed unanimously.

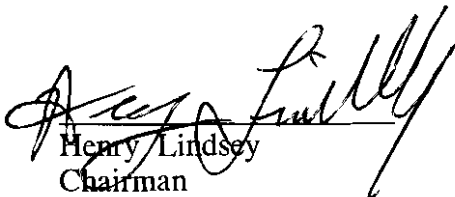
E. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

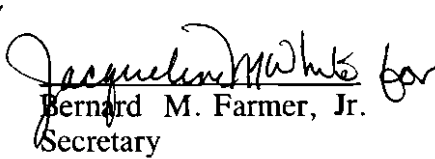
Ms. White advised the Board that VIMS is offering a home study course on wetlands and if the Board was interested she would obtain information and/or materials.

Mr. Hughes, Mr. Gussman and Mr. Lindsey stated they would be interested in obtaining the information.

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 P.M.


Henry Lindsey
Chairman


Bernard M. Farmer, Jr.
Secretary