

**JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
MINUTES
Thursday November 13, 2014**

A. ROLL CALL

John Hughes
William Apperson
David Gussman
Larry Waltrip
Charles Roadley

ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT

County Staff:

Scott J. Thomas, Director Engineering and Resource Protection
Allison Kotula, Assistant County Attorney
Greg Johnson, Senior Inspector
Melanie Davis, Secretary to the Board

Mark Eversole, Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC)

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

B. MINUTES

The September 10, 2014 Board minutes were approved as written.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

D. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

1. W-04-13/VMRC12-1213: Minichiello/Jordan Marine – 133 Branscome – Mitigation Requirements.

Senior Inspector Greg Johnson presented the following information to the Board:

In the granting of a wetlands permit for 133 Branscome Boulevard (W-04-13/VMRC 12-1213), a condition of the permit stated “A meeting shall take place no later than one year after pier construction is completed to determine the extent of wetlands impacts. James City County Engineering and Resource Protection Division staff (Staff) shall invite representatives of the regulatory agencies dealing with tidal wetlands, VIMS, Applicant, agent, contractor, and Wetlands Board members to this meeting. It will be determined at this meeting what the extent of wetland impacts are, if any. Staff will make a presentation at the next scheduled Wetlands Board meeting regarding the extent of any impacts and make a recommendation to the Board regarding mitigation.” Staff visited the site on October 16, 2014 and determined that no impacts had occurred in the construction of this project and in order to expedite surety release is making this brief presentation. Mr. Johnson displayed photographs of the site before and after construction of the pier depicting little to no impact to the surrounding wetlands. Staff recommended that no mitigation be required and that the surety be released for this project.

Mr. Roadley asked and Mr. Johnson confirmed that the pier had been constructed by 'hopscotching' along the pier from the water using a small boat.

Mr. Apperson made a motion to release the surety held to guarantee the mitigation plantings for potential wetland impacts on cast W-04-13/VMRC12-1213 at 133 Branscome.

The motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

2. Calendar Year 2015 Meeting Schedule

All Board members agreed to adopt the 2015 Wetlands Board meeting schedule as presented.

3. Election of Officers for 2014

Mr. Apperson moved that John Hughes be reappointed as Chair. All members were in favor.

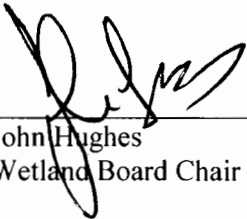
Mr. Hughes moved that William Apperson be reappointed as Vice-Chair. All members were in favor.

Melanie Davis was reappointed as Secretary. All members were in favor.


E. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

F. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



John Hughes
Wetland Board Chair



Melanie Davis
Secretary to the Board