

**MINUTES**  
**JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**County Government Center, Building F**  
**101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185**  
**May 10, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**

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**VIDEO A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Wetlands Board meeting for May 10, 2017, was Called to Order.

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.

**VIDEO B. ROLL CALL**

**Board Member Present:**

John Hughes - Chair  
William Apperson  
David Gussman  
Charles Roadley  
Larry Waltrip

**Absent:**

**Others Present:**

County Staff (Staff):

Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner  
Ashley Tatge, Inspector, Engineering and Resource Protection  
Liz Parman, Assistant County Attorney  
Melanie Davis, Secretary to the Board  
Mark Eversole, Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC)

**VIDEO C. MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 12, 2017 regular meeting were approved as written.

**VIDEO D. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**VIDEO 1. W-23-17 / VMRC 17-0426 : 10022 Sycamore Landing Road**

Ashley Tatge presented the wetlands permit request submitted by John Lowenthal on behalf of property owner, Mark Rinaldi. The permit request was to install approximately 87 linear feet of rip-rap revetment to stabilize an existing bulkhead and shoreline at 1022 Sycamore Landing Road within the York River watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Real Estate Tax Map Parcel No. 0720400004A. The presentation described the current site conditions and the proposed revetment and stabilization. Staff determined this project met the required criteria and recommended approval with the conditions outlined in the Resolution.

Mr. Hughes noted that the proposed rip-rap extended onto the adjacent property and asked why that parcel was not included in the application.

Mr. Woolson explained Mr. Rinaldi provided documentation that he was also the owner of the adjacent parcel. Because this parcel does not have an assigned address, it was not specified on the application. Mr. Woolson also clarified the proposed mitigation would be located in front of the stone revetment toe.

Mr. Hughes opened the Public Hearing.

A. Mr. Mark Rinaldi, property owner, explained the erosion was mostly caused by Hurricane Isabel, but he did not have the funds for the repair at that time. He understood and agreed to the mitigation requirements for this project.

Mr. Roadley asked if anyone had considered plantings to stabilize the erosion at the marsh toe to the west of his property.

A. Mr. Rinaldi stated that he believed most of the erosion was caused by otters. There were plantings of spartina down shore that seemed to be surviving and he was willing to give it a try and monitor it as he was at the shore all the time.

Mr. Hughes closed the Public Hearing as no one else wished to speak.

Mr. Apperson made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Grant the Permit for Wetlands Board Case No. W-23-17/VMRC 17-0426 at 10022 Sycamore Landing Road.

The motion was approved: 5-0

Ayes: Apperson, Gussman, Roadley, Waltrip, Hughes

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2. W-24-17 / VMRC 17-0575 : 7206 Canal Street

Ashley Tatge presented the wetlands permit request submitted by Karla Havens, Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting, on behalf of property owner, Theodore W. Szego. The permit request was to construct a 115-linear-foot vinyl bulkhead with a 10-foot return wall in the man-made channel at 7206 Canal Street within the Chickahominy River watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Real Estate Tax Map Parcel No. 1910900029. The presentation described the current site conditions as well as the location and construction of the proposed bulkhead. Staff determined this project met the required criteria and recommended approval with the conditions outlined in the Resolution.

Mr. Hughes opened the Public Hearing.

A. Karla Havens, Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting, further explained how the proposed bulkhead would tie into the adjacent properties. She added that most of the other properties in the canal were bulk headed.

Mr. Waltrip asked the depth of the canal at low tide.

A. Ms. Havens said it was minus four at 40 feet from the edge of the bank.

Mr. Roadley asked what she thought might be contributing the erosion.

A. Ms. Havens stated it was north facing, the soils were all clay, boat wake and no existing vegetation.

Mr. Hughes closed the Public Hearing as no one else wished to speak.

Mr. Waltrip felt bulk heading was the only way to keep the soils out of the canal.

Mr. Gussman made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Grant the Permit for Wetlands Board Case No. W-24-17/VMRC 17-0575 at 7206 Canal Street.

The motion was approved: 5-0

Ayes: Apperson, Gussman, Roadley, Waltrip, Hughes

**VIDEO E. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS**

**VIDEO 1. Amendment to Bylaws and Calendar**

Mr. Woolson explained the proposed amendment was to change the meeting time from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Hughes asked if there was any public notice and when the other Boards started their meetings. He was concerned the earlier time might be inconvenient for some who wanted to attend the meeting or serve on the Board. He did agree the earlier time would be more convenient for Staff.

Mr. Woolson said public notice was not required for this change. The Board of Supervisors had changed their regular meetings to 5 p.m., the Planning Commission still met at 7 p.m. and the other Boards and Commissions met during the day.

Mr. Roadley had no objection to the time change.

Mr. Gussman suggested they try the earlier time and stated they could always change it back if there were any complaints.

Mr. Gussman made a motion to change the meeting time from 7 p.m. to 5 p.m. beginning in July 2017.

The motion was approved: 4-1

Ayes: Apperson, Gussman, Roadley, Waltrip

Nays: Hughes

**VIDEO F. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

None

**VIDEO G. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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John Hughes  
Wetlands Board Chair



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Melanie Davis  
Secretary to the Board