

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
County Government Center, Building F
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
August 8, 2018
5:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Wetlands Board meeting for August 8, 2018 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 its despoliation.

B. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

John Hughes - Chair
William Apperson - Vice Chair
Larry Waltrip

Board Members Absent:

David Gussman
Charles Roadley
Louis Bott

County Staff Present:

Michael Woolson, Secretary to the Board, Senior Watershed Planner,
Stormwater and Resource Protection
Frances Geissler, Director, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Liz Parman, Assistant County Attorney
Trevor Long, Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Janice Petty, Assistant, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Mark Eversole, Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC)
Allison Norris, VMRC

C. MINUTES

1. Minutes from June 13, 2018, meeting

The minutes from the June 13, 2018, regular meeting were approved as written.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Prior to starting the public hearings, Staff formally reminded the Board, all applicants and the public that three affirmative votes are required for approvals.

1. WJPA 18-0030 / VMRC 18-0967 : 3032 North Riverside Drive

Ms. Karla Havens, Mid-Atlantic Resources Consulting, on behalf of Ms. Donna Fowler, has applied for a wetlands permit for the removal and replacement of a bulkhead on property located at 3032 North Riverside Drive, within the Chickahominy Haven subdivision and the Yarmouth Creek watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Tax Map

Parcel No. 0910200049. The presentation described the current site conditions of the proposed project. Staff recommends approval of the permit with conditions.

The Board deliberated the pros and cons of this permit.

Mr. Hughes questioned why the bulkhead needed replacement.

Mr. Long responded that the bulkhead was failing and boards were rotting with the possibility of failure.

Mr. Hughes opened the Public Hearing.

A. Ms. Karla Havens of Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting addressed the Board and answered further questions.

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

Mr. Waltrip made a motion to adopt the permit for Wetlands Board Case No. WJPA-18-0030/VMRC 18-0967 at 3032 North Riverside Drive.

The motion was approved: 3-0

Ayes: Waltrip, Apperson, Hughes

Nays: None

Absent: Gussman, Roadley, Bott

2. WJPA 18-0046 / VMRC 18-0763 : 8400 Hicks Island Road

Ms. Karla Havens, Mid-Atlantic Resources Consulting, has submitted on behalf of Stephen and Lori Caudill a wetland permit to remove and replace a pier with the use of mats through the wetlands at 8400 Hicks Island Road, within Diascund Creek watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Tax Map Parcel No. 0910100026. The presentation described the current site conditions and the proposed project. Staff recommends approval for this permit with conditions.

The Board deliberated the pros and cons of this permit.

Mr. Hughes questioned if a Chesapeake Bay Permit would be required.

Mr. Woolson responded that one would not be required for this project.

Mr. Hughes opened the Public Hearing.

A. Ms. Karla Havens of Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting addressed the Board and answered further questions.

Mr. Hughes asked if the work would be limited to the mat area.

A. Ms. Havens responded that Donald Hicks of Waterfront Piers & Bulkheads, Inc. would be doing the work.

Mr. Hughes asked when the project would be finished.

Mr. Waltrip asked if the contractor would be starting at the shoreline and work out, removing the old pier and use that area where he is working on the mats to build, taking mats up as he

comes back out.

Mr. Apperson commented with concern for the tree vegetation and cypress knees, stressing that the work be straight in and straight out.

A. Ms. Havens responded to the questions.

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

Mr. Waltrip made a motion to grant the permit for Wetlands Board Case No. WJPA-18 0046/VMRC 18-0763 at 8400 Hicks Island Road.

The motion was approved: 3-0

Ayes: Waltrip, Apperson, Hughes

Nays: None

Absent: Gussman, Roadley, Bott

E. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

None


F. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

Mr. Woolson explained that this would be Mr. Mark Eversole's last night as the Virginia Marine Resource Commission (VMRC) representative for James City County.


Ms. Allison Norris, Environmental Engineer with VMRC, was introduced to the Wetlands Board as the new VMRC representative for James City County.

G. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.



John Hughes
Chair, Wetlands Board



Michael Woolson
Secretary to the Board