

**MINUTES**  
**JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**County Government Center, Building F**  
**101 Mounts Bay Board, Williamsburg, Virginia 223185**  
**January 15, 2020**  
**5:00 PM**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Wetlands Board meeting for January 15, 2020, 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  
Charles Roadley  
David Gussman  
Larry Waltrip  
Robert Lukens

**Board Members Absent:**

William Apperson

**Other Staff Present:**

Allison Lay, Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
Toni Small, Director, Stormwater and Resource Protection  
Liz Parman, Assistant County Attorney  
Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource Protection  
Trevor Long, Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource Protection

**C. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from December 11, 2019, Regular Meeting

A motion to Approve the minutes was made by Mr. Hughes. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

**D. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Case No. WJPA 19-0010 / VMRC 19-0182 : 5232 Ivey Lane

Mr. Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, presented the permit request submitted by Mr. Brian Fletcher, Delta Marine Construction, on behalf of Mr. Oscar Harrell for construction of two stone breakwaters and beach nourishment on property located at 5232 Ivey Lane, within the Ivey Dell subdivision and the York River watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Tax Map Parcel No. 0830200004. The presentation described the current site conditions, the proposed construction, and mitigation. The Board deliberated the pros and cons of this permit.

Mr. Roadley inquired if all inconsistencies were resolved in the latest submission, noting nine revisions to the permit.

Mr. Woolson replied that he did not believe so.

Mr. Roadley inquired if the impacts have been accurately calculated.

Mr. Woolson replied that he had not had time to check the latest revision received January 14, 2020.

Mr. Gussman inquired if the breakwaters could be moved closer to shore.

Mr. Woolson replied yes.

Mr. Gussman inquired about the amount of sand being used for this project.

Mr. Woolson replied that it was unknown, but approximately 1,000 cubic yards.

Mr. Roadley cautioned that the Board's jurisdiction ends at the mean low water. He further explained that the area behind the breakwater tends to revegetate if the circumstances allow.

Mr. Gussman stated his support for a living shoreline type of approach. He inquired as to the amount of vegetated wetland impacted.

Mr. Woolson replied according to the application, zero, but that the number is not accurate.

Mr. Lukens asked about last minute submissions and not having enough time to properly analyze the information.

Mr. Woolson replied that last month the case was advertised and a revision was submitted a couple of days before the hearing.

Mr. Hughes stated that the Public Hearing was still open from last month.

**A.** Dr. Jack Mrazik, 5217 Ivey Lane, voiced his opposition to the boathouse, dock, and associated breakwaters. He inquired how the breakwaters would affect his property.

**B.** Ms. Elsie Woodward, 5224 Ivey Lane, expressed concerns about matters not within the Board's jurisdiction. She inquired how the breakwaters would affect her property.

**C.** Mr. Maurice Edlund, 5200 Ivey Lane, inquired about the public and private benefits of the project. He expressed concerns about matters not within the Board's jurisdiction.

**D.** Mr. Oscar Harrell, property owner, thanked the Board for its work protecting the wetlands. He explained the project.

Mr. Roadley inquired if Mr. Harrell could estimate how much shoreline has eroded over the years.

**D.** Mr. Harrell stated he purchased the property around 1995 and believes it has eroded about 15 to 20 feet. He has concerns about the 40-foot bluff and possible erosion with one big storm.

Mr. Hughes inquired about the delivery method for the sand.

**D.** Mr. Harrell replied that the entire project would be done from the water.

Mr. Hughes inquired about access to the pier once it was installed.

**D.** Mr. Harrell replied by steps down the cliff.

Mr. Hughes inquired about the late revision.

**D.** Mr. Harrell replied the contractor submitted the revision. He requested a deferral to the next meeting.

Mr. Gussman stated that he wanted to hear an explanation from the contractor about the late revisions.

**E.** Mr. Brian Fletcher, Delta Marine Construction, made himself available to answer questions.

Mr. Roadley stated that the latest drawings were an improvement but to pay attention to the details and make sure the numbers matched the calculated quantities in the application. He explained how the Board's jurisdiction was determined and why it was important to have accurate numbers.

Mr. Hughes stated that most of the concerns were not under the Board's jurisdiction.

Mr. Gussman stated his concern about an incomplete application.

Mr. Hughes made a motion to defer the Wetlands Board Case No. WJPA 19-0010/VMRC 19-0182 at 5232 Ivey Lane.

A motion to Defer was made by Mr. Hughes and approved on a voice vote.

2. Case No. WJPA 19-0044 / VMRC 19-1966 : 7266 Osprey Drive

Mr. Trevor Long, Watershed Planner, presented the permit request submitted by Ms. Karla Havens, Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting, on behalf of Mr. Ronald and Mrs. Joyce Lindsey for construction of a stone revetment and marsh toe sill on property located at 7266 Osprey Drive, within the Chickahominy Haven subdivision and the Yarmouth Creek watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Tax Map Parcel No. 1910800004. The presentation described the current site conditions, the proposed construction, and mitigation. The Board deliberated the pros and cons of this permit.

Mr. Hughes opened the Public Hearing.

**A.** Ms. Karla Havens, Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting, was available to answer questions from the Board.

Mr. Gussman inquired about extending the marsh sill further.

**A.** Ms. Havens explained the reasoning of the placement of the revetment and marsh sill.

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

Mr. Roadley stated the dredged canals are somewhat difficult to stabilize. He noted that Ms. Havens was able to incorporate a marsh toe in a portion of this, which was commendable.

Mr. Hughes made a motion to Grant the permit for Wetlands Board Case No. WJPA 19-0044/VMRC 19-1966 at 7266 Osprey Drive.

A motion to Approve with Conditions was made by Mr. Hughes.

The motion result was: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1  
Ayes: Gussman, Hughes, Roadley, Waltrip, Lukens  
Absent: Apperson

3. Case No. WJPA 19-0043 / VMRC 19-1938 : 10010 Sycamore Landing Road

Mr. Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, presented the permit request submitted by Mr. Jeff Watkins, Shoreline Structures, LLC, on behalf of Mr. Deric and Mrs. Andrea Amason for beach nourishment and a stone revetment on property located at 10010 Sycamore Landing Road, within the Stephens Tract No. 2 subdivision and the York River watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Tax Map Parcel No. 0720400001. The presentation described the current site conditions, the proposed construction, and mitigation. The Board deliberated the pros and cons of this permit.

Mr. Hughes opened the Public Hearing.

A. Mr. Jeff Watkins, Shoreline Structures, LLC, was available to answer questions from the Board.

Mr. Roadley inquired about the plantings at the top side of the sill.

A. Mr. Watkins explained the plantings of *Spartina patens* and *Spartina alterniflora*, at appropriate elevations, as mean high would still go over the sill and flood the new tidal wetland.

Mr. Waltrip inquired about how the new revetment would tie into the existing revetment.

A. Mr. Watkins affirmatively responded.

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

Mr. Roadley stated that the applicant was not required to rebuild the marsh.

Mr. Gussman made a motion to Grant the permit for Wetlands Board Case No. WJPA 19-0043/VMRC 19-1938 at 10010 Sycamore Landing Road.

A motion to Approve with Conditions was made by Mr. Gussman.

The motion result was: AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1  
Ayes: Gussman, Hughes, Roadley, Waltrip, Lukens  
Absent: Apperson

**E. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS**

None

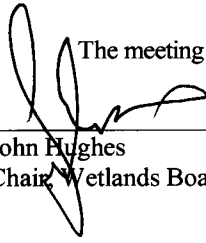
**F. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE**

None

**G. ADJOURNMENT**


A motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. Gussman and approved on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.



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John Hughes  
Chair, Wetlands Board



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Michael Woolson  
Secretary to the Board