

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
County Government Center, Building F
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185
May 13, 2020
5:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Wetlands Board meeting for May 13, 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:

William Apperson, Acting Chair
David Gussman
Charles Roadley
Larry Waltrip
Halle Dunn

Board Members Absent:

None

Other Staff Present:

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

1. Election of officers

Mr. Waltrip nominated Mr. Apperson to serve as Chair. Mr. Roadley seconded the nomination.

The nomination was approved. The result was: 5-0

Ayes: Apperson, Dunn, Gussman, Waltrip, Roadley
Nays: None
Absent: None

Mr. Roadley nominated Mr. Halle Dunn to serve as Vice Chair. Mr. Gussman seconded the nomination.

The nomination was approved. The result was: 5-0

Ayes: Apperson, Dunn, Gussman, Waltrip, Roadley
Nays: None
Absent: None

C. MINUTES

1. Minutes from March 11, 2020, Regular Meeting

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

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Case No. WJPA 20-0005 / VMRC 20-0266 : 541 Neck-O-Land Road

Mr. Trevor Long, Watershed Planner, presented the permit request submitted by Dorothy Geyer, National Park Service, on behalf of Kym Hall, Colonial National Historic Park, who have applied for a wetlands permit for two sections of sandbag revetments at and west of the College Creek parking lot located off of the James River at the property located at 541 Neck-O-Land Road, within the James River watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Parcel No.5610100001. The presentation described the current site conditions, proposed construction and proposed mitigation. Staff recommended approval of the permit with conditions.

The Board deliberated the pros and cons of this permit.

Mr. Apperson inquired about the length of time for this project.

Mr. Long explained the Park Service does have the intent to install breakwater structures in the future which are funding dependent. The second portion of the revetment project has a structure above the bluff.

Mr. Waltrip inquired which measures were being considered for the erosion on the banks.

Mr. Long replied that the use of sandbags armoring the banks would mitigate the erosion of the banks.

Mr. Roadley inquired about the design of the project. He has no issue with the design. He commented that the height of the structure seemed rather short.

Mr. Long replied the Colonial National Historic Park had consulted the Army Corps of Engineers concerning the engineering design portion of the project.

Mr. Apperson opened, then closed the Public Hearing, as no one wished to speak.

Mr. Roadley made a motion to adopt the Resolution to grant the permit for Wetlands Board Case No. WJPA 20-0005 / VMRC 20 -0266 at 541 Neck-O-Land.

A motion to Approve w/Conditions was made by Mr. Roadley, the motion result was:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Ayes: Apperson, Dunn, Gussman, Waltrip, Roadley

Nays: None

Absent: None

2. Case No. WJPA 20-0008 / VMRC 20-0373 : 1010 Kingsmill Road

Mr. Michael Woolson, Senior Watershed Planner, presented the permit request submitted by

Mr. John Wandling, on behalf of Williamsburg Sailing Foundation, who has applied for a wetlands permit for the construction of a floating dock at the Kingsmill Marina over non-vegetated tidal wetlands located at 1010 Kingsmill Road, lying within the James River watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Parcel No. 5040100002C. The presentation described the current site conditions and proposed construction. Staff recommended approval of the permit with conditions.

The Board deliberated the pros and cons of this permit.

Mr. Apperson opened, then closed the Public Hearing, as no one wished to speak.

Mr. Dunn made a motion to adopt the Resolution to grant the permit for Wetlands Board Case No. WJPA 20-0008 / VMRC 20-0373 at 1010 Kingsmill Road.

A motion to Approve w/Conditions was made by Mr. Dunn, the motion result was:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Ayes: Apperson, Dunn, Gussman, Waltrip, Roadley

Nays: None

Absent: None

E. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

Mr. Woolson introduced Mr. Michael O'Brien, recently appointed to the Wetlands Board by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Apperson asked Wetlands Board members to review House Bill 776 before the General Assembly on Living Shorelines and formulate questions for Mr. Woolson to research.

Mr. Woolson summarized House Bill 776 which would make mandatory Living Shorelines the approach throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. He explained that the VMRC would need to clarify some language. The House Bill will be effective July 1, 2020.

Mr. Roadley provided guidance that Living Shorelines would be the preferred method for shoreline stabilization effective July 1, 2020.

1. REMOTE PARTICIPATION POLICY

Liz Parman made a presentation on the Remote Participation Policy for the Wetlands Board.

A motion to Approve was made by Mr. Apperson, the motion result was:

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

Ayes: Apperson, Dunn, Gussman, Waltrip, Roadley

Nays: None

Absent: None

F. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

None


G. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



William Apperson
Chair, Wetlands Board



Michael Woolson
Secretary to the Board

