

**MINUTES**  
**JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**County Government Center, Building F**  
**101 Mounts Bay Board, Williamsburg, Virginia 223185**  
**January 13, 2021**  
**5:00 PM**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Wetlands Board meeting for January 13, 2021, 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, Chair  
Charles Roadley  
Larry Waltrip  
David Gussman, Remote Access

A motion to allow the Remote Participation was made by William Apperson and approved on a voice vote.

**Board Members Absent:**

Halle Dunn

**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  
Janice Petty, Stormwater Assistant, Stormwater and Resource Protection

**C. MINUTES**

1. Minutes from November 12, 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 20-0038 / VMRC 20-1934 : 8797 Pocahontas Trail

Mr. Trevor Long, Watershed Planner, presented the permit request submitted by Mr. Samuel Menco, Carter's Grove Associates, LLC who has applied for a wetlands permit for construction of a living shoreline consisting of twelve breakwaters, beach nourishment, backshore plantings, a revetment refurbishment and a new revetment, pipe outfall, spill box and emergency spillway on the property located at 8789 Pocahontas Trail, also known as Carter's Grove and the Skiffes Creek watershed. The property is further identified as James City County Parcel No. 5910100030. The presentation described the current site conditions, proposed construction and mitigation with conditions. The Board deliberated the pros and cons of this permit.

Mr. Apperson opened the Public Hearing.

A. Mr. Neville Reynolds, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB), was available to answer questions from the Board.

Mr. Apperson inquired if the Spartina to be planted, was a native seed source.

A. Mr. Reynolds affirmatively answered.

Mr. Roadley inquired if the access would be from the water.

A. Mr. Reynolds answered that their project would be built from the water. Some land work at the deteriorated outfall would be replaced with a pipe. The equipment would be brought from a barge, work done, then removed from the barge.

Mr. Apperson closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Gussman requests the staff provide a case study with photographs for future living shoreline reference.

Mr. Roadley commented that staff and some Board members visited the site and noted the obvious need for some type of erosion control for this shoreline and the desire to control the outfall from the pond.

Mr. Apperson wholeheartedly endorsed the project. It is a tremendously large project in terms of acreage and would like it to succeed. Agrees with Mr. Gussman statement. The case study will show how to protect the riverbanks in the years to come.

Mr. Roadley made a motion to adopt the Resolution to grant the permit for Wetlands Board Case No. WJPA 20-0038 / VMRC 20-1934 at 8797 Pocahontas Trail.

The motion to Approve with Conditions was made by Mr. Roadley, the motion result:

AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 ABSENT: 1

Ayes: Apperson, Roadley, Gussman

Nays: None

Abstain: Waltrip

Absent: Dunn

**E BOARD CONSIDERATIONS**

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**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 5:17 p.m.

  
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William Apperson  
Chair, Wetlands Board

  
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Michael Woolson  
Secretary to the Board