

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
County Government Center, Building F
101 Mounts Bay Road, Williamsburg, Virginia 23188
September 14, 2022
5:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Wetlands Board meeting for September 14, 2022, 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:

Halle Dunn, Chairman
Robert Lukens, Vice Chairman
Charles Roadley
Larry Waltrip

Board Members Absent:

Michael O'Brien

Other Staff Present:

Toni Small, Director, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Robin Benedict, Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Trevor Long, Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Joshua Everard, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office

C. MINUTES

1. Minutes from the June 8, 2022, Regular Meeting

A motion to Approve the minutes was made by Mr. Dunn.

The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. WJPA-22-0015 : 258 Sandy Bay Road

A motion to Approve w/ Conditions was made by Charles Roadley, the motion result was .
AYES: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1
Ayes: Dunn, Lukens, Roadley, Waltrip
Absent: O'Brien

Mr. Trevor Long, Watershed Planner, presented the permit request submitted by Karla Havens, Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting on behalf of Kenneth Goldsmith and Ashley Overman-Goldsmith who have applied for a wetlands permit for the construction of a vinyl bulkhead with a stone return and stone revetment located at 258 Sandy Bay Road. The

property is further identified as James City County Parcel Number 4730100012. The presentation described the current site conditions, proposed construction, and mitigation with conditions. If the Board approved the request, staff asked that the suggested conditions be incorporated into the approval.

The Board asked staff for clarification on details about the request.

Mr. Dunn opened the Public Hearing.

A. Ms. Karla Havens, Mid Atlantic Resource Consulting, 1095 Cherry Row Lane, Shackelfords VA, offered further details about the permit request and answered questions from the Board, including an explanation of why the location of the revetment at the site was chosen.

B. Ms. Rachael Tidwell, 256 Sandy Bay Road, objected to the plan, citing concerns about the existing boat ramp, and offered historic details about the site and its condition.

A. Ms. Havens explained that although she had confirmed that the boat ramp was previously permitted to be installed, she could only find record of limited details about its construction.

C. Mr. Kenneth Goldsmith, 258 Sandy Bay Road, further described the condition of the boat ramp and immediately surrounding area. Mr. Goldsmith also explained why the particular components of the plan were chosen.

The Board asked Mr. Goldsmith further details about the plan.

Mr. Dunn closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Dunn reopened the Public Hearing at Mr. Roadley's request.

A. Ms. Havens responded to Mr. Roadley's question about the potential for scour at the downstream end of the proposed bulkhead by describing the mitigating effects of the components included in the plan.

Mr. Dunn Closed the Public Hearing

Mr. Roadley commented on the irregularity of the utilization of a bulkhead in circumstances similar to the plan.

Mr. Dunn reopened the public hearing following a question from Mr. Waltrip about the boat ramp that was directed at Ms. Havens.

A. Ms. Havens explained that there is no dredging proposed for this plan and that the boat ramp will have paver block added directly on top of the existing gravel bed of the ramp.

B. Ms. Tidwell controverted an earlier statement made by Mr. Goldsmith regarding the history of the boat ramp.

Mr. Dunn closed the public hearing.

E. BOARD CONSIDERATIONS

None.

F. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

1. Carter's Grove Shoreline Stabilization Update

Staff updated the Board on the completion of the living shoreline project at Carter's Grove. Footage taken from a drone over the site was included in the presentation.

G. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:40p.m.



Halle Dunn
Chair, Wetlands Board



Trevor Long
Secretary to the Board