

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM
101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185
October 11, 2023
5:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Wetlands Board meeting for October 11, 2023, 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. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Public Comment Agenda item was moved during the meeting to come after the Minutes Agenda item was completed.

A. Ms. Lisa Garber, 115 Kingspoint Drive, asked the Board for an update on the status of the reportedly ongoing herbicide spraying near her property in the Kingspoint neighborhood.

Staff confirmed that the County is aware that the previously scheduled, privately organized spraying in the area on October 11, 2023, was delayed by a few days. This task is expected to be carried out using drones flying approximately 10 feet above the ground. Furthermore, staff reiterated that the Public Comment period is a chance for the public to express their views, not a forum for discussions. They also clarified that the planned herbicide spraying is not an activity to be approved by the Board.

C. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Larry Waltrip
Michael O'Brien
Scott Maye, Vice Chair
Leslie Bowie

Board Members Absent:

Charles Roadley

Other Staff Present:

Toni Small, Director, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Michael Woolson, Resource Protection Section Chief, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Robin Benedict, Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource Protection

D. MINUTES

1. Minutes from the September 13, 2023, Regular Meeting

A motion to Approve the minutes was made by Mr. O'Brien.

The minutes were Approved on a voice vote.

E. BOARD CONSIDERATION(S)

1. Election of Officer : Board Secretary

A motion to Appoint Ms. Robin Benedict, Watershed Planner, as Secretary of the Wetlands Board was made by Ms. Bowie and Approved by a unanimous voice vote.

F. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. WJPA-23-0017 : 733 Arlington Island Road

A motion to Approve w/ Conditions was made by Mr. Waltrip, the motion result was Passed.

Ayes: 4 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 1

Ayes: Bowie, Maye, O'Brien, Waltrip

Absent: Roadley

Ms. Robin Benedict, Watershed Planner, presented the permit request submitted by Mr. Andrew Gurley, CLS Marine, LLC, on behalf of Ms. Emily Collawn, for the approval of riprap installation. The property is further identified as James City County Real Estate Tax Map Parcel No. 930100004. The presentation described the current and proposed site conditions. If the Board approved the request, staff asked that the suggested conditions be incorporated into the approval.

Mr. Maye opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Maye closed the Public Hearing as no one wished to speak.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the plan.

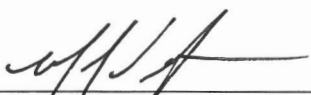
G. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE


None.

H. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to Adjourn was made by Mr. O'Brien and approved on a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.


~~Charles Roadley~~ *M. Scott Maye*
Chair, Chesapeake Bay Board


Robin Benedict
Secretary to the Board