

MINUTES
JAMES CITY COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARD ROOM
101 MOUNTS BAY ROAD, WILLIAMSBURG, VA 23185
January 14, 2026
5:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Wetlands Board meeting for January 14, 2026, was called to order.

The responsibility of this Board is to carry out locally the Commonwealth's policy to preserve the wetlands and to accommodate economic activity so as to prevent its despoliation.

B. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Michael O'Brien, Chair
Scott Maye, Vice Chair
Leslie Bowie
Mark McElroy, Alternate
Matthew Woolsey, Alternate

Board Members Absent:

Charles Roadley
Larry Waltrip

Other Staff Present:

Toni Small, Director, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Michael Woolson, Resource Protection Section Chief, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Emily Grojean, Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Amanda Frazier, Watershed Planner, Stormwater and Resource Protection
Andrew Dean, Assistant County Attorney, County Attorney's Office

C. MINUTES

1. Minutes from the December 10, 2025, Regular Meeting

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

The minutes were approved on a voice vote.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

E. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

1. WJPA-25-0032: Colonial Pipeline Line 27 Repair at Crossings 12, 13, 14, and 15

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

AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 2

Ayes: Bowie, Maye, McElroy, O'Brien, Woolsey

Absent: Roadley, Waltrip

Ms. Emily Grojean, Watershed Planner, presented the permit request submitted by Mr. Matthew Otto, Corblu Ecology Group, on behalf of Colonial Pipeline Company, for the Colonial Pipeline Repair at Crossings 12 (James River), 13 (Halfway Creek), 14 (College Creek), and 15 (Chickahominy River). The property is further identified as James City County Real Estate Tax Map Parcel Nos. 5940100003, 5140100008, 4920300004, 4920300002, 4920300005, 4920300003, 4920100006, 5130100002, 5010100009L, 4820100002, 4820100012, 4910230001A, 4910230034, 49103A0002, 4910230033, 4910230009, 4910230011, 4910230010, 4610100008, 3730100005, 4610100001B, 4610100007, 3730100009, 4610100007A, 3430100002, 3430300001. 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. O'Brien asked if this was the same request that was approved before.

Staff answered that it was the same except for the Powhatan Creek crossing.

Mr. O'Brien opened the Public Hearing.

A. Ms. Nancy Welsh, 900 S England Circle, Williamsburg, VA, stated that she was adjacent to Crossing 14. Ms. Welsh asked why the permit included timber clearing.

Staff clarified that there were none, only temporary impacts.

B. Mr. Matthew Wyant, Colonial Pipeline Company, gave some background details on the pipeline and addressed Ms. Welsh's question.

A. Ms. Welsh asked the applicant if there were other upcoming projects and how their company knew when a repair was needed.

C. Mr. Jack McKeown, 800 S England Circle, Williamsburg, VA, stated that the Colonial Pipeline runs approximately 30 feet from his dock and through his property line, which was subject to an easement from 1963. He stated that the permit gave Colonial Pipeline Company the right to come onto his property with heavy equipment at any time. He inquired about property owners rights, their specific location within the permit or legal documentation. He was concerned about work to be done on the pipeline that would affect his property and his neighbors.

Mr. O'Brien stated that the purpose of the Wetlands Board and that some of the previous speaker's concerns were outside of that scope.

B. Mr. Wyant explained the rules and methods of servicing the pipeline.

C. Mr. McKeown expressed concerns regarding the accuracy of his property line boundaries. He noted that the 1963 easement was outdated and failed to address current issues, suggesting that a mechanism should be implemented to address these antiquated agreements.

Mr. O'Brien noted that Mr. McKeown's concerns were limited to his own property, whereas the Wetlands Board public hearing was strictly focused on the specific addresses included in the Colonial Pipeline application.

B. Mr. Wyant committed to reviewing citizen concerns with his company's right-of-way department.

The Board discussed the pros and cons of the plan.

Mr. O'Brien closed the Public Hearing.

F. BOARD CONSIDERATION(S)

None.

G. MATTERS OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE

None.

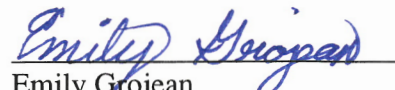
H. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.



Michael O'Brien
Chair, Wetlands Board


Emily Grojean
Secretary to the Board