



Mathews County Wetland Board

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS *Opportunity for citizen comments, questions, requests and presentations regarding matters which do not violate public hearing legal requirements. (Time limit for speakers: one opportunity of 5 minutes. The Mathews Wetlands Board may establish other time limits and rules governing the conduct of this and other public comment periods.)*

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 4.A. Alexander Stuart, 80 Piankatank Way, VMRC #25-0653, TM #1A-1-18 – Request to install a 105'x5'x8' rip-rap revetment over filter cloth in front of existing wall, using Class II riprap along a portion of the Piankatank River shoreline.

Katy Walden: Read the CBPA report, the Board considered the application to be complete. Hearing no comment, we shall proceed. Is there anyone to speak for this application tonight? Name and address for the record, please.

Laura Morgan: Good evening, I'm Laura from R&W Marine Construction, 2959 Buckley Hall Road, Cobbs Creek, VA 23035

Katy Walden: Tell us what your project is and what you're planning to do.

Laura Morgan: We are looking to put Class II in front of a deteriorating wood bulkhead that is now allowing some upland to filter through, and we feel like this is the best option for where we are putting it on the Piankatank.

Katy Walden: So does the board have any questions for Miss Morgan?

Melody Goodwin: What other options did you consider?

Laura Morgan: Well, an Armor Sill wouldn't work out there, with the living shoreline, there's no grasses growing. The tide's too high with the boat traffic, he's got some wave action out there. We felt that this would actually hold the wooden bulkhead in place instead of letting it fall down into the water. We did look at some other things and this is one of the most cost effective solutions to the problem.

Katy Walden: Any other questions? Is there anyone else to speak in favor of this application? Is there anyone apposed that may speak? Anyone who is neither opposed nor in favor of who wishes to speak? If not, public comments is now closed. The board will discuss this application and make a motion.

Nicholas Koch: It looks pretty straightforward and adjacent neighbors have done the same thing.

Richard Marshall: I would like to go along with that, and it's a very much needed project and I think it's the best thing to do. I also believe it's got a long fetch

Katy Walden: Any other discussion? Is anyone ready to make a motion for this application?

Richard Marshall: I'll move we accept this as submitted, for the reason said earlier, it's a really good project and much needed.

Katy Walden: Is there a second?

Nicholas Koch: I second.

Katy Walden: Thank you. Mr. Marshall your vote and rationale?

Richard Marshall: I vote yes, we accept it as submitted. My rationale being that it's a much needed project and the best thing I think can be done.

Katy Walden: Mr. Koch your vote and rationale?

Nicholas Koch: I vote yes, with the same rationale.

Mr. Rowland: I vote yes with the same rationale.

Ms. Goodwin: I vote yes with the same rationale.

Katy Walden: I vote yes, same rationale for the record. There's no impact of vegetated wetlands in this project. The project is approved. Thank you.

Katy Walden: Mrs. Sanger, is there any old business?

Teresa Sanger: Not at this time.

Katy Walden: Mrs. Sanger, I see we have some new business which I will proceed with. We have a request on 4/9/2025 from Gwynn's Island Estates regarding Permit 23-1897. They would like to ask for an extension on their project, which is not completed as of yet. They want a two-year extension. Is there someone to speak for this tonight? Please state your name and your address for the record, sir.

Craig Palubinski with Bay Shore Design, 8518 Cople Highway, Hague, VA 22469 I'm the agent representing this request. The project was approved almost two years ago, to stabilize the channel of Kibble Pond. They had an active dredging permit which they've done some dredging which is not under this application. But, we have proposed some armor stone spurs, jetty brake waters to help stabilize that inlet along with replacing the bulkhead. To date, none of that work has been completed. It's a very ambitious project, very expensive, probably in excess of \$300,000. They're trying to accomplish the project construction all at once, all phases of it, to help stabilize that channel and reduce the need for future maintenance stretching. So, the site conditions haven't changed since the 2023 application. So, that's the reason for our request for an extension. I'll be happy to answer any questions.

Katy Walden: Does the board have any questions for this gentleman? So, it's our understanding everything is to remain the same. Nothing is going to be added to the permit/work and everything is going to be right by the book.

Craig Palubinski: Yes, exactly as shown on the drawing.

Katy Walden: All right, thank you sir.

Katy Walden: Do we have any discussion on this? Does anyone wish to make a motion to accept this and grant the extension?

Nicholas Koch: I make a motion that we grant this extension as requested. It's a major piece of work here, and it needs to continue.

Katy Walden: Thank you. Do we have a second?

David Rowland: I second.

Katy Walden: Thank you Mr. Rowland. Seconded by Mr. Rowland and a vote Mr. Koch.

Nicholas Koch: Yes, I move that we approve this project because it's necessary.

David Rowland: I vote yes to approve.

Melody Goodwin: Yes.

Richard Marshall: Yes.

Katy Walden: And I vote yes, same rationale. Motion is approved, thank you sir.

Katy Walden: Do we have any violations to discuss tonight?

Teresa Sanger: Not at this time.

Katy Walden: Do we have administrative matters tonight, Mrs. Sanger?

Teresa Sanger: Yes we do. It has been a suggestion that the board revert to the previous policy, that any board member, with the exception of the board chairman be appointed as an enforcement officer. This is to allow staff to be called upon if the current enforcement officer is unavailable. A vote is needed.

Katy Walden: Did everyone understand what that motion was? Mr. Rowland would you like to make a vote?

David Rowland: I vote in favor.

Melody Goodwin: Yes.

Nicholas Koch: Yes.

Richard Marshall: Definitely in favor.

Katy Walden: I'll vote in favor, yes.

Richard Marshall made a motion that it be accepted.

Mr. Koch seconded.

Motion Approved.

Katy Walden: This is the second period of public comments. If anyone wishes to speak at this time, they may do so. If not, public comment will be closed.

Katy Walden: If there is no other business tonight before us, the meeting is adjourned.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.A. Permit Extension Request VMRC 23-1897

7. VIOLATIONS

8. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Suggested that Wetlands Board revert to Previous Policy - allowing any board member, with the exception of the Board Chairman be appointed as an enforcement officer, this allows staff to call on others if the current enforcement officer is not available.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

Katy J. Walden, Chairman
Mathews County Wetlands Board

Teresa Sanger, Marine & Wetlands
Projects Coordinator