



Mathews County Wetland Board

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Chair Katy Walden
Vice Chair Richard Marshall
Member Melody Goodwin
Member Nicholas Koch
Alternate David Rowland

Board Members Absent: Dan Desmond

Team Members Present: Teresa Sanger, Wetlands & Marine Projects Coordinator
VMRC - Mike Johnson
Sherry Ashe

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes Approved

3.A. Approval of October 1, 2025 Wetlands Board Minutes Draft

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

5.A. Betty Case, 292 Riverview Rd., VMRC 25-1922, TM# 35-A-44 - Request to install 70 LF of rock revetment with Class I stone over filter cloth, and construct 260' of marsh toe sill with two (2) 5' gaps with Class I stone over filter cloth, along a portion of the East River shoreline.

Katy Walden: read the CBPA report, which stated "Request to Insall 70 LF of rock revetment with Class I Stone over filter cloth, and construct 260' of marsh toe sill with two (2) 5' gaps with Class I Stone over filter cloth."

Does the board consider this application complete?

Richard Marshall: Considered complete.

Katy Walden: Is there someone to speak for this project?

Wade Webb: Blackwater Pier and Dock, addressed the Board in favor of the application and discussed the need for the project.

Melody Goodwin: I have a question, when I look at the diagram with all the benchmarks on it. I might not be seeing it, it says there are two 5' gaps, can you point them out to me.

Nick Koch: The Satellite picture shows the gaps. However, it doesn't document where they are at.

Melody Goodwin: Could you please make a revision and submit?

Wade Webb: Absolutely, I can amend that and include this as a revision.

Katy Walden: Okay, this is being picky, on page 8 where alternatives are considered. Instead of that, you were going to use a single lane access, machines and smooth the yard. That really isn't exactly an answer to the question.

Wade Webb: Essentially, all the work is being done in the uplands here, with the exception of the sill. Machines are working of logging mats and there will be a single lane path for dump trucks to come in to dump the stone, then the stone will be picked up and track loaded out to where it needs to be placed. What are you looking for?

Katy Walden: The question is, did you consider any other alternatives? Even if the method you have chosen is the best there is, the question is, did you consider other options? Telling us how you are going to do it, is not an alternative. Your detail really doesn't answer the question.

Wade Webb: It's industry standards. If you want an opinion on how I should do it?

Katy Walden: Perhaps it might be better to give an opinion on how you reached your conclusion is the best way.

Katy Walden: Do we have anymore questions for Mr. Webb.

Katy Walden: With no one else to speak on this application, the public comment period was closed. The Board discussed the application and made a motion.

Richard Marshall: Number one, I think it's a very good project and will benefit the living shoreline.

Katy Walden: Is someone ready to make a motion?

Richard Marshall: I move we accept it as approved, pending the revised drawings showing the gap.

Katy Walden: I need a second on this motion.

Melody Goodwin: I second it.

Motion: On motion of Richard Marshall, seconded by Melody Goodwin, the Mathews County Wetland Board voted 5-0-0 as follows: Richard Marshall, Melody Goodwin, David Rowland, Nicholas Koch, Katy Walden - aye, None - nay; to approve the application. The rationale being: "As stated earlier, I think it's a really good project, and it's going to add to a good shoreline there. It's a very vulnerable place along the East River with a long fetch.

- 5.B. **Elizabeth A. Burkhard, 129 Veterans Way, VMRC 25-1968, TM# 11-A-20J** - Request to install an 81'x10' sill, and a 29'x10' sill with beach nourishment and plantings of sprig saltmarsh cordgrass on 24" centers, along a portion of the Piankatank River shoreline.

Katy Walden read the CBPA report, which stated: "Request to install an 81'x10' sill, and a 29'x10' sill with beach nourishment and plantings of sprig saltmarsh cordgrass on 24" centers."

Katy Walden: Does the Board consider this application complete? Hearing no comment, we shall proceed. Is there someone here to speak for this application?

Nick Champa, representing Jaclyn Wilburn, Coastal Wetlands Consulting, addressed the Board in favor of the application and discussed the need for the project.

Katy Walden: Does anyone have questions for Mr. Champa?

Katy Walden: With no one else to speak on the application, the public comment period was closed. The Board discussed the application and made a motion.

Motion: On motion of David Rowland, seconded by Nicholas Koch, the Mathews County Wetland Board voted 5-0-0 as follows: David Rowland, Nicholas Koch, Melody Goodwin, Richard Marshall, Katy Walden - aye, None - nay; **subject to receipt of the revised drawing regarding spacing of the drawing.** The rationale being, "It's a good solution and sorely needed."

- 5.C. **Leslie R. Search, 415 Swans Way, VMRC 25-1981, TM# 23-A-12** – Request to install 176 LF bio-engineered living shoreline, backfilled with clean sand and planted with *Spartina Patens* and *Spartina Alterniflora*, and 17' of Envirollok bags will be placed against the bank, along a portion of the North River shoreline.

Katy Walden: Ready the CBPA report, which stated: Request to install 176 LF bioengineered living shoreline, backfilled with clean sand and planted with *Spartina Patens* and *Spartina Alterniflora*, and 17' of Envirollok bags will be placed against the bank." Does the Board consider this application complete? With no comment, we shall proceed. Is there someone to speak for this application?

Jeff Corbin: Davey Resource Group, Inc., Agent, addressed the Board in favor of the application and discussed the need for the project.

Katy Walden: Does anyone have questions for Mr. Corbin?

Melody Goodwin: I have a question, Jeff, on page 18 part 3, you mention *Spartina* - temporary grazing protection will be used until plants mature.

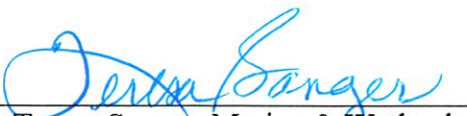
Jeff Corbin: Explained his reasoning, due to the geese eating the new grass in the area.

Katy Walden: Any other questions? With no one else to speak on the application, the public comment period was closed. The Board discussed the application and made a motion.

Motion: On Motion of Richard Marshall, seconded David Rowland, the Mathews County Wetland Board voted 5-0-0 as follows: Richard Marshall, David Rowland, Melody Goodwin, Nicholas Koch, Katy Walden - aye, None - Nay; to approve the application. The rationale being "Good project and well done and needed."

6. NEW BUSINESS
7. OLD BUSINESS
8. VIOLATIONS
9. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS
10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
11. ADJOURNMENT


Katy J. Walden, Chairman
Mathews County Wetlands Board


Teresa Sanger, Marine & Wetlands
Projects Coordinator