



Mathews County Wetland Board

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WETLANDS BOARD OF MATHEWS COUNTY, VIRGINIA, HELD IN THE MATHEWS COUNTY HISTORIC COURTHOUSE ON April 6, 2022 AT 7:00 PM.

Wetlands Board Members Present: Katy Walden, Chair
Russell Marshall, Vice Chair
Nick Koch
Chuck Dawson, Alt Member

Wetlands Board Members Absent: Daniel Desmond
Melody Goodwin

Staff Present: James Knighton, Marine & Wetlands projects Coordinator
Heather Thomas, Administrative Assistant
J. Michael Johnson, Virginia Marine Resource Commission, Habitat
Management Division

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WETLANDS BOARD, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Knighton called the roll and established that a quorum was present.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A. March 2, 2022 Minutes

MOTION: On Motion of Mr. Koch to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Marshall, the Mathews County Wetlands Board voted 4-0-0 as follows: Mrs. Walden - aye; Mr. Koch-aye; Mr. Dawson-aye and Mr. Marshall-aye.

4. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Walden read the general public comment procedures and asked for any speakers. There were no speakers.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 5.A. **Ali Abbasi, VMRC #21-2578, Map 22 (A) 117E, 156 Rigby Ln.** – Request to install two stone breakwaters to be 75'x20' and 87'x20'. Project will take place along a portion of the Chesapeake Bay shoreline.
Mrs. Walden read the project description and made the board aware that the applicant has requested to table this application.
- 5.B. **Elizabeth Case, VMRC #22-0072, Map 35 (A) 44, 292 Riverview Rd.** – Request to install 5 rock sills, sand fill with appropriate marsh plantings and approximately 408' of matrix oyster modules. This project takes place along portions of the East River.
Mrs. Walden read the project description and opened the public hearing. Mr. Knighton read the technical report.

Jeff Watkins, Applicant and Contractor

Mr. Watkins reviewed the project description. Mrs. Walden stated that sand fill elevations were needed. Mr. Knighton listed the profile views that were submitted to us showing the sand fill elevation in question. Mr. Watkins asked if revised drawings showing that sand fill would not be above 1.5x the tide range fix this issue. He had scaled revised drawings with him showing the corrections. Mrs. Walden asked about the vegetated wetlands impacts indicated in the application. Mr. Watkins stated that this would be temporary.

MOTION: On Motion of Mr. Koch to approve VMRC#22-0072, seconded by Mr. Dawson, the Mathews County Wetlands Board voted 4-0-0 as follows: Mrs. Walden - aye; Mr. Koch-aye; Mr. Marshall-aye and Mr. Dawson-aye; None - nay.

- 5.C. **Michael Cather, VMRC #22-0419, Map 22B (1) (A) 1A, 376 Beaumar Lane** – Request to install approximately 378' lf of riprap revetment, 115' stone breakwater, replace portions of existing timber bulkhead with vinyl bulkhead and fill with appropriate material. This project takes place on portions of the Whites Creek shoreline.
Mrs. Walden read the project description and made the board aware that the applicant has requested to table this application.
- 5.D. **Priscilla Muhlekamp, VMRC #22-0522, Map 4B (A) 17, 168 Serene Way** – Request to install approximately 568' lf of marsh sill and repair existing riprap revetment. This project takes place on portions of the Cobbs Creek shoreline.
Mrs. Walden read the project description and made the board aware that the applicant has requested to table this application.
- 5.E. **Charles Nelson, VMRC #22-0316, Map 11A6 (A) 54, 993 Gwynsville Rd** – Request to install an approximately 50'x2.5' oyster bag sill with appropriate fill. This project takes place on portions of the Barn Creek shoreline.
Mrs. Walden read the project description and made the board aware that the applicant has requested to table this application.
- 5.F. **Lindsay & Debra Trittipoe, VMRC #22-0055, Map 25 (A) 2, 540 Brittany Lane** – Request to install approximately 510' riprap revetment. This project will take place along a portion of the East River shoreline.
Mrs. Walden read the project description and opened the public hearing for this application.

Betty Pugh, agent

Mrs. Pugh discussed the project and oyster lease issues that would affect installing a marsh

sill. Mrs. Walden asked about the grading for this project. Mrs. Pugh answered that the revetment is 8' behind mean low water so there is no encroachment into the water and grading would occur. Mr. Koch asked if the white PVC pipes were marking the oyster lease grounds. Mrs. Pugh confirmed that.

MOTION: On Motion of Mr. Marshall to approve VMRC22-0055, seconded by Mr. Koch, the Mathews County Wetlands Board voted 4-0-0 as follows: Mrs. Walden - aye; Mr. Koch-aye; Mr. Marshall-aye and Mr. Dawson-aye; None - nay.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.A. **Kim & Nick Wuckovich, VMRC #20-1593, Tax Map 24A (1) (2) 10 & 24A (1) (2) 11, 182 Bayshore Ave.** – Request to extend permit to install 60' of Flexamat to be planted with appropriate vegetation. A small living shoreline of clean sand and plants will be installed in place of phragmites. The second phase consists of installing class 2 revetment over existing deteriorating bulkhead. Project will take place along a portion of the Mobjack Bay shoreline.

MOTION: On Motion of Mr. Marshsall to approve the extension of VMRC20-1593, seconded by Mr. Koch, the Mathews County Wetlands Board voted 4-0-0 as follows: Mrs. Walden - aye; Mr. Koch-aye; Mr. Marshall-aye and Mr. Dawson-aye; None - nay.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. VIOLATIONS

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Mr. Marshall brought to the staff's attention that a map of a previous project was put in the packet by error and he would actually like them to do a site visit on it. He had concerns about grading and other issues occurring.

10. ADJOURNMENT

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THIS MEETING WAS DECLARED ADJOURNED.

Katy J. Walden, Chairman
Mathews County Wetlands Board

James D. Knighton, Marine & Wetlands
Projects Coordinator