



**NEW KENT COUNTY
WETLANDS/BEACHES & CHESAPEAKE BAY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2015 AT 6:00 PM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Mr. Paul Davis	Present
Ms. Jean Street	Absent
Ms. Patricia Paige	Present
Dr. Alan Neumann	Absent
Mr. Lyle Gleason	Present
Mr. John Bragg	Present

Also present:

Mr. Matt Venable, Environmental Planning Manager
Mr. Randy Owen, Environmental Engineer, Virginia Marine Resources Commission
Mr. Hank Thorndike, Dock Masters

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM and a quorum was established.

IN RE: DECLARATION OF POLICY FROM THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA

Chairman Bragg read the declaration of policy from the laws of Virginia relating to the Marine Resources of Virginia and the New Kent County Code relating to Chesapeake Bay regulations.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Gleason to approve the February 5, 2015 meeting minutes.

The members were polled:

Mr. Paul Davis	Aye
Ms. Jean Street	Absent
Ms. Patricia Paige	Aye
Dr. Alan Neumann	Absent
Mr. Lyle Gleason	Aye
Mr. John Bragg	Aye

The motion carried with a 4:0:0 vote.

IN RE: PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Randy Owen of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission updated the Wetland Board members on Living Shorelines and discussed concerns with sand core logs and rock sills. More information will be available mid-summer. He also indicated that the Center for Coastal Resource Management (CCR) and Virginia Institute for Marine Sciences (VIMS) were both hit hard by reduced funding statewide. He also noted the Newport News Water Works was going to work on fixing up the spill ways at Diascund Creek but should be exempt from permit requirements

since it is a government entity. He thanked the Board Members for their efforts and said he appreciated them.

IN RE: NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Matt Venable presented his staff report on application VMRC 2015-0563, submitted by Mr. Richard Forbes, to construct a 6-foot by 105-foot pier with a 20-foot by 20-foot L-head, a 12-foot by 30-foot boat slip with two 4-foot by 30-foot finger piers, a 17-foot by 33-foot boat shelter, a 17-foot by 9-foot deck shelter. Grade 181-foot of bank to a 3:1 slope, and to construct a 4-foot by 181-foot riprap revetment at Tax Map#26-4-7, GPIN#K27-3347-5120.

Matt reminded the Wetland Board that the Board of Supervisors had previously approved three similar projects and this riprap would be installed at the toe of the proposed bank landward and behind existing vegetation.

Chairman Bragg reminded the Board members to evaluate by general criteria set by the VMRC and that there was no economic benefit involved. This appeared to be an action to help retain the property and upland wetland interface was out of our jurisdiction. The Board would have to make a decision based on an ecological need to protect.

Mr. Gleason asked Mr. Owens what VIMS said on their recommendation. Mr. Owens reviewed the VIMS letter and stated there didn't appear to be a recommendation only guidance.

Chairman Bragg opened the public hearing. No citizens were signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Mr. Gleason to approve application VMRC 2015-0563, submitted by Mr. Richard Forbes as submitted and Ms. Paige seconded the motion.

The members were polled:

Mr. Paul Davis	Abstained, came in late
Ms. Jean Street	Absent
Ms. Patricia Paige	Aye
Dr. Alan Neumann	Absent
Mr. Lyle Gleason	Aye
Mr. John Bragg	Aye

The motioned carried with a 3:0:1 vote.

Mr. Matt Venable presented his staff report on application VMRC 2015-0564, submitted by John Thomas Vosnick, to construct a 6-foot by 120-foot pier with a 12-foot by 32-foot L-head, two 12-foot by 30-foot boat slips with two 4-foot finger piers, two 10K overhead boat lifts, a 32-foot by 33-foot boat shelter and a 18-foot by 16-foot deck shelter. Grade bank from toe of slope to approximately 3:1 slope and install 247 feet of rip rap revetment at Tax Map#26-4-9, GPIN#L27-3235-0311.

Mr. Venable said this lot is considered a high erosion area and noted the pictures showing scouring at the toe of the bank in several areas along the shoreline. The applicant wants to protect this lot and enable a better view of the Pamunkey River.

Mr. Thorndike said the Evelyn projects butt up to Mr. Vosnick's parcel and the plan is to keep this parcel consistent with the Evelyn's properties keeping everything two feet outside of the toe.

Chairman Bragg opened the public hearing but no one signed up to speak and the public hearing was closed.

The Board members had no comments on the application.

A motion was made by Mr. Davis to approve VMRC 2015-0564 as submitted by Mr. John Thomas Vosnick and Mr. Gleason seconded the motion.

The members were polled:

Mr. Paul Davis	Aye
Ms. Jean Street	Absent
Ms. Patricia Paige	Aye
Dr. Alan Neumann	Absent
Mr. Lyle Gleason	Aye
Mr. John Bragg	Aye

The motion carried with a 4:0:0 vote.

Mr. Matt Venable presented his staff report on application VMRC 2015-0369, NAO 2015-0471, submitted by Mr. Keith Mason, to construct a 6-foot by 120-foot pier, a 20-foot by 20-foot L-head, a 12-foot by 30-foot boat slip with finger piers, a 17-foot by 42-foot open-sided roofed boathouse, two mooring piles and 613 linear feet of riprap revetment landward of Mean High Water at Tax Map#26-4-1, GPIN#K28-0069-4336.

Mr. Venable said Dock Masters had submitted a revised drawing dated March 3, 2015 since a change in conditions had occurred since the original application. He said this was the longest revetment in this subdivision and that Mr. Thorndike may do this one in 100-200' increments ending back at the garage. They are seeking approval prior to the implementation of a functioning Home Owners Association (HOA) start up.

Mr. Davis expressed a concern about disturbing the fish breeding in the area and cited an Army Corp of Engineers advice but Mr. Thorndike said he will probably start this project in the spring of 2016 outside of those breeding times and that it was not "in stream" water column work anyway.

Mr. Venable said that Jamie Hudson was forthcoming with the Water Quality Impact Analysis (WQIA) Report and would be happy to set up a field trip to the site for the Wetland Board members.

Chairman Bragg opened and closed the public hearing with no one signed up to speak.

A motion was made by Mr. Gleason to approve application VMRC 2015-0369, NAO 2015-0471, submitted by Mr. Keith Mason with the revised drawing dated March 3, 2015 and Mr. Davis seconded the motion.

The members were polled:

Mr. Paul Davis	Aye
Ms. Jean Street	Absent
Ms. Patricia Paige	Aye
Dr. Alan Neumann	Absent
Mr. Lyle Gleason	Aye
Mr. John Bragg	Aye

The motion carried with a 4:0:0 vote.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Bragg at 6:40 PM and all agreed.

Respectfully submitted by: Sheri L. Wood, Recording Secretary