

YORK COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD

Minutes of April 9, 2020

6:00 PM

At a meeting of the York County Wetlands Board held on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Public Works Administration Building located at 105 Service Drive, Yorktown, Virginia, those present were:

Board Members: Eric Ancarrow, Chair
Timothy Smith
Rebecca Yasky

Staff: Anna Drake, Stormwater Engineer II
Kent Henkel, Engineering Specialist II
Jennifer Wilson, Administrative Assistant II

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Eric Ancarrow, Chair.

Roll call with above members present.

The Board discussed a Policy and Procedure Amendment to allow remote participation due to emergencies, both medical and personal. The County Attorney, Jim Barnett, provided wording to allow Board members to participate remotely up to two times a year.

Mr. Smith motioned to approve Policy and Procedure Amendment on the following roll call:

Rebecca Yasky	Yes
Timothy Smith	Yes
Eric Ancarrow	Yes

It was approved by consensus to allow members and staff to participate remotely due to the Coronavirus Pandemic.

Following the acceptance of the remote participation policy, a roll call of remote Board members and participants occurred and the following members were counted present:

Remote Board Members: Jeff Frye 109 Westminster Place, Williamsburg
Noel West- 201 Pamlico Run, Yorktown
Joe Pack- 106 Buckingham Drive, Yorktown

Please Note: At an unknown time during the public hearing, the connection with Jeff Frye was cut.

Remote Staff: Allison Norris-Lay, VMRC- 1343 Cornwall Place, Norfolk

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The March 12, 2020 Wetlands Board minutes were approved by consensus

WETLANDS APPLICATIONS

- **Application 20-10, VMRC 20-0215 for C&R Commercial, LLC, (Agent) and MKH2, LLC, (Property Owner):** Request to remove and reconstruct 130-linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Chisman Creek at 110 Anchor Drive

Anna Drake presented the application, presented slides, and refreshed the Board that this property had a Stop Work Order issues due to lack of Land Disturbing Activity permit. The Board had determined last month that the application was incomplete due to lack of drawings. Staff has still not received any drawings for this application.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

No one came forward to address the Board.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

Staff requested this application be tabled until the May 14, 2020 Wetlands public hearing. The application is still incomplete because drawings were not submitted. Ms. Drake stated she has not heard anything from the agent or applicant on this application. The Board asked Ms. Drake to inform the applicant that if drawings are not submitted by the next deadline (April 21, 2020), then the application will be denied at the next Wetlands Board hearing. Staff told the Board this will be noted in the continuation letter to agent. The public hearing for this application will be continued until May 14, 2020 and will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Public Works Administration Building at 105 Service Drive at 6:00 pm.

Ms. Yasky motioned to table and continue Application 20-10, VMRC 20-0215 until May 14, 2020 at 6 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Public Works Administration Building. The motion carried on the following vote:

Noel West	Yes
Joe Pack	Yes
Timothy Smith	Yes
Rebecca Yasky	Yes
Eric Ancarrow	Yes

- **Application 20-14, VMRC 20-0367 for C2 Environmental, Inc., (Agent/Contractor) and Colonial Historical Park, (Property Owner):** Request to construct riprap revetment along the shoreline of the York River near Felgates Creek and riprap revetment along the shoreline of the York River near Indian Field Creek.

Anna Drake presented the application, property maps, photographs, and drawings

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Christine Conrad, PhD with C2 Environmental, Inc. of 11818 Rock Landing Drive, Newport News, came forward. She stated the application is for ongoing efforts by the Colonial Historical Park to continue fortifying the shoreline to protect against erosion and sea level rise. At Indian Field Creek, the crest elevation will be raised to match the project completed across the stream in

2012-2013. At Felgates Creek, they will increase the height of the revetment but go channelward to prevent impacts to Resource Protection Area. A portion of the Felgates Creek section, nearest to the creek will be a marsh toe sill to protect the wetlands area that has developed behind the revetment.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

The Board deliberated stating the application was fairly straight forward and the continuation of the project was needed to protect the bridges.

Mr. Smith motioned to approve Application 20-14, VMRC 20-0367 with revised drawings submitted March 23, and April 2, 2020 on the following roll call:

Noel West	Yes
Joe Pack	Yes
Rebecca Yasky	Yes
Timothy Smith	Yes
Eric Ancarrow	Yes

The Chair stated the application will be emailed for applicant/agent to sign and notarize after the required 10-day appeal period.

- **Application 20-15, VMRC 20-0380 for Jeff Watkins, (Agent/ Contractor) and BH Commercial Holdings, (Property Owner):** Request to construct a marsh toe sill with beach nourishment and plantings along the shoreline of the Poquoson River at 820 Ship Point Road

Anna Drake presented the application, property maps, photographs, and drawings. The Board asked if there was a standard for length of openings in marsh toe sills. Anna gave a brief history of the protocol for openings.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Jeff Watkins of 5481 Old Shipyard Lane, Gloucester came forward to answer any questions from the Board. The Board noted there was a lot of erosion on the project and they had approved a marsh toe sill for the property next door. Ms. Drake stated an LDA had been obtained for the property in order to provide construction access and a laydown area. .

The Chair closed the public hearing.

The Board deliberated stating the shoreline needed to be stabilized before the building and development of the lot takes place.

Ms. Yasky motioned to approve Application 20-15, VMRC 20-0380 with revised drawings submitted March 18, 2020 on the following roll call.

Noel West	Yes
Joe Pack	Yes

Rebecca Yasky	Yes
Timothy Smith	Yes
Eric Ancarrow	Yes

The Chair stated the application will be emailed for applicant/agent to sign and notarize after the required 10-day appeal period.

EXTENSIONS AND FINALS

- **Permit 19-41, VMRC 19-1315 for Jim White, (Agent/Contractor/Property Owner):** Permit to construct four sections of oyster bag living shoreline, totaling 560-linear feet, along the shoreline of Chisman Creek at 150 Winsome Haven Drive

Anna Drake presented before and after photos of the completed project. The Board agreed by consensus to approve the final inspection and close the permit.

- **Permit 19-44 VMRC 19-1373 for Solstice Environmental, LLC, (Agent) and Department of Defense –AFETA Camp Peary, (Applicant):** Permit to construct four breakwaters, place beach nourishment, plant wetlands vegetation and rebuild approximately 800-feet of riprap revetment along the York River shoreline along Colonial Road

Anna Drake presented before and after photos of the completed project. The Board agreed by consensus to approve the final inspection and close the permit.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- **Violation – 20-08 at 823 Calthrop Neck Road**

Staff stated we have not had a response from applicant. The Board stated due to coronavirus pandemic, this was acceptable at this point in time.

- **May meeting:** Staff stated two applications have been received so there will be a May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

 For Eric Ancarrow
Eric Ancarrow, Chair

5-14-00
Date