

Middlesex County Wetlands Board

Minutes

August 8, 2023

Call to Order

The August 8, 2023, meeting of the Middlesex County Wetlands Board was called to order by Chairman Dolezal, at 10:00 A.M. in the Boardroom of the Historic Courthouse, Saluda, Virginia.

Present: Wesley Dolezal

Monica Sanders

Scotty Schafer

Woodson Armstead

John Boyd

Alternate: Chris Brewington

Jay Woodward, VMRC Representative

Staff present: Marc Longest, Environmental and Code Compliance Officer

Absent:

Minutes

The Board considered the minutes of the July 11, 2023, meeting. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Armstead and seconded by Mr. Boyd and carried with a 5-0 vote.

Introductions

Mr. Brewington, a new alternate member was introduced to the Wetlands Board, before public hearing was held.

Public Hearings

A. Wetlands Application # 2023-1137 submitted by Mark Sowers. This request is to install a Rip Rap Revetment against wooden bulkhead and Rip Rap Spur connecting to revetment within the Wetlands Board’s jurisdiction. The proposed project is located on the Piankatank River, at Tax Map Parcel # 43(5)7A. 383 Twiggs Ferry Rd

Roger McKinley was present to represent the application and to explain the proposed project.

Chairman Dolezal opened the hearing for comments from the public. (10:09 AM)

Mrs. Suzanne Dezern, 371 Twiggs Ferry Road, spoke on the concern that the spur would not be low profile and prohibit sand from moving. If it was placed above MHW, would it stop the natural flow of sands, concern of environmental impact. Chairman Dolezal stated the spur was within the jurisdiction of VMRC, only a portion that is attached to the revetment is under the Board, VMRC will handle the Spur. Mr. Woodward stated the spur would need a permit, he would address the concerns, no planting, but would address the issue with the owner, agent, and Mrs. Dezern.

There being no additional comments, the public portion of the hearing was closed. (10:18 AM)

Chairman Dolezal began a brief period of questions and comments between the Board and the agent.

Mr. Boyd had no comment. Mr. Armstead stated rock was best. Mr. Schafer stated the project looked good. Mrs. Sanders liked rock. Chairman Dolezal indicated that there was a small amount of grass, stone will be impacting not loss, access – yard per agent, and repair of area – yes per agent. Mr. Woodward stated that he will work with APO and Owner on issues of spur.

There being no further questions or comments from the Board, Chairman Dolezal asked for disposition of the application.

The motion to approve the application, to install a rip rap revetment against wooden bulkhead, omitting the spur from description, was made by Mr. Boyd and seconded by Mrs. Sanders and carried with a 5-0 Vote with a 3 Year time limit.

Old Business:

New Business:

VIMS Webinar Adapt VA

Changes in advertising and no longer required to have notarized signature on permits.

Adjournment:

Mr. Armstead made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Mrs. Sanders and carried 5-0 Vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Wetlands Board Chair

Date