

ACCOMACK COUNTY WETLANDS MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2018

At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board held on the 26TH day of April 2018 in the Accomack County Administration Building Board Chambers, Room #104, in Accomack, Virginia.

1. CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Wetland Board Members Present

Mr. Earl Frederick, Chairman

Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor

Mr. Timothy Getek

Others Present:

Mr. Tyrone Upshur, Environmental Programs Inspector

Ms. Chontese Ridley, Environmental Programs Permit Specialist

Mr. Hank Badger, Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC)

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

There being a quorum, Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Wetlands Board unanimously adopted the Agenda as present

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Getek, the Wetlands Board voted to approve the agenda of the April 26, 2018 meeting.

3. MINUTES

A. March 22, 2018

On a motion made by Mr. Getek and seconded by Mr. Taylor, the Wetlands Board voted to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. A&N Electric – VMRC# 2018 – 0188

4443 Janders Road

The portion of the project which is in the Wetlands Board's jurisdiction is the construction of a new bulkhead 2 feet in front of existing bulkhead. The property is located on Tangier Island, VA 23440, Tax Map #62A1-A-95.

Mr. Raymond Britton, BIC Inc., appeared before the Wetlands Board on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in by Chairman Frederick. Mr. Britton told the board that 40 square feet of vegetative wetlands would be impacted and that A&N Electric was willing to pay whatever was needed to get the job done. Mr. Frederick told Mr. Britton to modify the application to state this.

Mr. mentioned the sever erosion issues on Tangier and believed this project was based on good thinking. In the photos shown of the area there was a significant amount of concrete debris. Mr. Getek asked if the debris would be removed and Mr. Britton said yes.

Mr. Frederick asked if this work would impact boat traffic and Mr. Britton said that no one had any objections to the project or work to be completed.

Mr. Hank Badger, (VMRC), was sworn in by Chairman Frederick. Mr. Badger clarified the that there are 20 square feet of sub-aqueous vegetation and 40 square feet of vegetative wetlands being impacted.

On a motion made by Mr. Getek and seconded by Mr. Taylor, the Wetlands Board voted to issue a permit (valid for (1) year) to A&N Electric – VMRC# 2018 – 0188, for the construction of a new bulkhead 2 feet in front of existing bulkhead with the exception of changing the application to state there will be 40 square feet of impacts to vegetative wetlands. Also, that \$480.00 must be paid into the mitigation fund, and that page 13 of the application was extraneous. The property is located on Tangier Island, VA 23440, Tax Map #62A1-A-95.

**B. Anthony & Jennifer Foster – VMRC# 2018 – 0263
12248 Fairview Road**

The portion of the project which is in the Wetlands Board’s jurisdiction is the installation of 65 feet of rip-rap along the shoreline to stabilize the eroding bank. The property is located in in Painter, VA 23420, and Tax Map #109- A-118C1.

Mr. Norman Pitt, Cornerstone Environmental Services, LLC, appeared before the Wetlands Board on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in by Chairman Frederick. Mr. Frederick explained to Mr. Pitt that due to only have three board members present that his clients had the option of waiting until the next meeting of the wetlands board to present. Mr. Pitt said he would like to wait until the next meeting and that he clients had also sent him a letter stating that they wanted to wait.

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Getek, the Wetlands Board voted to postpone the hearing of Anthony & Jennifer Foster – VMRC# 2018 – 0263, for the installation of 65 feet of rip-rap along the shoreline to stabilize the eroding bank until the May 24, 2018 meeting. The property is located in in Painter, VA 23420, and Tax Map #109- A-118C1.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A. NOAA Weather Cost 2017 – Mr. Getek

NOAA had said that 2017 was its most costly year with 300 billion dollars of damages done, and that 2018 might be worse. Some negative factors discussed were: tax reform, negative impacts on the emotions of people, people moving out of the areas that were hit with bad storms/flooding, and the cost of fixing the problem issues.

Fixing the problems cannot be done in 1 year Mr. Getek sated. It cost more to make the changes than it does to ignore the problem.

B. Tangier – Mr. Getek

The environment and wetlands are part of the economy of the Island. They want to build a giant jetty around Smith Island, and are looking for help from government agencies. The geology of the Island with Northwest winds not redepositing sand and taking it away does not help the matter.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next Wetlands Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Accomack County Board Chambers, Room 104, in Accomac.

7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Getek, the Wetlands Board voted to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Earl Frederick, Chairman

Chontese Ridley, Environmental Permit Specialist