

**Virginia:** At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board, held in the  
Chambers of the Board of Supervisors on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July,  
2011, A.D.

**Members present:**

Mr. George T. Parker, Chairman  
Mrs. Lee L. Merrill, Vice Chairwoman  
Mr. C. Lee Davis  
Mr. George H. Ward, Jr.  
Mr. Earl B. Frederick

**Staff present:**

Mr. David A. Fluhart, Secretary  
Ms. Gracie A. Milbourne, Recording Secretary

**Others present:**

Mr. Hank Badger, VMRC

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman, George T. Parker and opened to a public hearing at 10 a.m. All applications are approved for a one-year period from the date of this hearing, unless specifically noted. All applicants, speakers and representatives are sworn in before the Board on the following wetlands applications:**

**This Board is aware and complies as closely as possible to the objectives of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission's Wetlands Policy of No Net Loss.**

1). **MINUTES**

There were no minutes available.

2). **NEW BUSINESS**

**An application from Mr. Howard Eckles, VMRC #11-0868, to construct a bulkhead, connecting from (2) existing return walls, thereby impacting wetlands at 7203 Pine Drive, Chincoteague, Virginia. TM #31A-3-2A.**

Mr. Raymond Britton of BIC Inc. appeared before the Board to represent this

application. He explained the proposed project and revealed that the impacts will be approximately 115 square feet of vegetated and 15 square feet of non-vegetated.

Mr. Parker asked Mr. Britton if he was aware of an email that Mr. Hank Badger of VRMC sent to Mr. Fluhart regarding his site inspection. Mr. Fluhart indicated that he not forwarded it to Mr. Britton.

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Hank Badger appeared to discuss the results of his site visit. He indicated that this project appears to involve approximately 3000 feet of possible vegetated wetlands and suggested that VIMS be contacted to determine if it is wetlands or not.

Mr. Fluhart stated that he had visited the property and noticed some fill down on the north edge. He also suggested that VIMS be contacted as well as a Virginia Licensed surveyor to determine the tide range and mean low water for this property.

Discussion ensued about the removal of dead pines trees and fill on the property. Mr. Davis agreed that VIMS should be contacted for their opinion on the proposed project and the fill before action is taken by this board.

Mr. Fluhart asked Mr. Britton if the proposed bulkhead will be built up to the existing retaining wall or would it be a low-profile bulkhead that would not raise the elevation any higher than the existing topography. Mr. Britton stated that the owner would like to keep the same elevation as his neighbors.

After further discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion to continue this application until the next meeting to allow the owner time to get a survey and a VIMS report before action is taken. Mrs. Merrill seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Parker, Mrs.

Merrill, Mr. Davis, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Frederick.

### **OTHER DISCUSSIONS**

- 1) Mr. Parker asked that the board members review and be prepared to discuss the email pertaining to the “Phragmites Eradication Policy Statement” at the next meeting for possible adoption.
- 2) Mr. Davis informed the board that he had received inquiries about projects on South Main Street on Chincoteague. Mr. Fluhart gave an update on BIC, Inc. & Ward. Mr. Hank Badger stated that the Army Corp’s delineation of no wetlands may not include wetlands up to 1½ times the tide range (or local jurisdiction).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:29 a.m. Mr. Frederick seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Parker, Mrs. Merrill, Mr. Davis, Mr. Frederick, and Mr. Ward.

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Mr. George T. Parker, Chairman