

**Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board, held in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013, A.D.**

**Members present:**

Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman  
Mr. George H. Ward, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Mr. C. Lee Davis  
Mr. Gene Taylor  
Mr. T. Lee Byrd

**Staff present:**

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

**Others present:**

Mr. Hank Badger, VMRC

**Others absent:**

Mr. Robert Cole, USACE

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Earl B. Frederick, 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 of and complies as closely as possible with the objectives of the Virginia Marine Resource Commission's Wetlands Policy of No Net Loss.**

**1). MINUTES**

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2013 meeting as circulated. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick Mr. Ward, Mr. Davis, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Byrd.

2). **NEW BUSINESS**

**1). An application from Joan V. Craven, VMRC# 2013-1056, for the removal and replacement of a single family dwelling 10 feet farther back from the shoreline, thereby impacting tidal wetlands, Muddy Creek, near Bloxom, Virginia. TM# 52-A-2**

Ms. Joan Craven and Mr. James Willis appeared before the board to represent this application. Ms. Craven gave a brief history of this property from the time her family bought it in 1937 and asked for permission to replace the existing house that has deteriorated over the years and suffered more damage during Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. James Willis expressed an interest in salvaging as much of the house as possible and towing the debris by barge or having it burned by the Bloxom Volunteer Fire Company.

A brief discussion ensued about the flood elevation requirements for the new house and locating it 10 feet farther back than the existing one.

Mr. Fluhart advised that a mitigation plan was needed to show how the plants will be re-vegetated.

Mr. Hank Badger appeared to discuss concerns about additional impacts to wetlands depending on the size of the replacement and the installation of a new septic system.

Ms. Craven agreed to submit a mitigation plan and indicated that the 2-story replacement house would be 1400 square feet or less in size and would not impact additional wetlands.

After further discussion, Mr. Byrd made a motion to approve this application with the following conditions:

- 1) Submittal of updated footprint of the proposed house with dimensions;
- 2) Submittal of a mitigation plan to include re-vegetation of any temporary impacted areas;
- 3) This approval is dependent on placement of the house above flood level;
- 4) Clean-up of the entire site; and
- 5) This permit is granted for two years.

Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Taylor.

**2). An application from Stuart E. Brown III, VMRC# 2013-1256, for the installation of a replacement bulkhead within 2-foot channelward of an existing failing bulkhead across from 3168 Main Street, Chincoteague, Virginia. TM# 30A2-A-45.**

Mr. Raymond Britton of BIC, Inc. appeared before the Board to represent this application. He explained that the replacement bulkhead would stay in the same location and will be attached to the existing bulkhead.

After further discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion to approve this application as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Davis, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Byrd.

**3. An application from Stephen J. Mercadante, VMRC# 2013-1306, for the installation of a bulkhead along an eroding shoreline of a man-made canal, adjacent to 3400 Blackbeard Road, Lot# 1355, Captain's Cove Subdivision, near Greenbackville, Virginia. TM# 5A3-1-1355**

Mr. Raymond Britton of BIC, Inc. appeared before the Board to represent this application. He asked for the approval of this proposed bulkhead and stated that it will be connected in a straight line with bulkheads on either side.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion to approve this application as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Davis, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Byrd.

3). **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discussion with Mr. Robert Cole of the Army Corps about the changes in permitting process**

Mr. Robert Cole of USACE was not present, therefore, the Board unanimously agreed to continue this discussion until the October 2013 meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:50 a.m. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Davis, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Taylor.

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Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman