

**Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board, held in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, A.D.**

**Members present:**

Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman  
Mr. C. Lee Davis  
Mr. Gene Taylor

**Members absent:**

Mr. George H. Ward, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Mr. T. Lee Byrd

**Staff present:**

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

**Others present:**

Mr. Hank Badger, VMRC  
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. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2013 meeting as circulated. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Taylor.

**2). NEW BUSINESS**

**1). An application from Clarence Clark, VMRC# 2013-1413, for the installation of a replacement bulkhead and a 4-foot X 50-foot Commercial Marginal Wharf (pier) at 7684 Eastside Road, Sheepshead Creek, Chincoteague, Virginia. TM# 30A4-A-76 et al.**

Mr. Barry Fisher of Fisher Marine appeared before the Board to represent this application. Mr. Fisher asked that the property owner be allowed to replace a routine bulkhead 18” channelward and within two feet of the existing bulkhead.

Mr. Fluhart reminded the board that a replacement bulkhead was approved at this location a few years ago but has expired. He indicated that the commercial pier was not part of that approval and mentioned a property line issue to the south during that time. Further discussion revealed that this project will not impact vegetated tidal wetlands and the concrete broken along the creek’s edge will be removed.

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

**2). An application from Ocean East Owners Association, VMRC# 2013-1464 for the installation of 1) a replacement bulkhead; 2) replacement of four piers with four 4-foot X 20-foot finger piers; and 3) dredge approximately 2,100-square foot area on property located off Piney Island Road, Sheepshead Creek, Chincoteague, Virginia. TM# 30A6-20-7 et al.**

Ms. J. Stacey Hart of J. Stacey Hart & Associates appeared before the board to represent this application. She indicated that this Association consists of

townhouse units with a single family dwelling adjacent to it and continued to discuss the proposed project that led to questions from Mr. George (Hank) Badger about the return wall and where the bulkhead will be located in that area.

Ms. Hart referred to the drawings to explain the location of the return wall bulkhead and the vegetated wetlands.

Ms. Linda Cook, representative for Marshlight, appeared before the board and asked if the new finger piers will come out further than the existing ones and if the dredging will interfere with the dredging done on her property.

Ms. Hart explained that the finger piers will not extend out further and provided additional information about the property and area to be dredged.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve this application with the condition that revised drawings must be submitted showing the retaining wall up to 50 feet. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Davis.

3). **EXTENSIONS:**

**An extension request from Mark Dennin, VMRC# 2012-1204, for the installation of approximately 200-foot of rip rap escarpment and marsh toe protection along an eroding shoreline on Finney's Creek at 23449 Holly Cove Road, near Onancock, Virginia. TM# 83D-1-12.**

**Expiration date: October 25, 2013.**

Mr. David Fluhart commented about the delay on this project but indicated that Mr. Dennin has hired another contractor and is now ready to begin.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Davis made a motion to approve this extension. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Taylor.

**4). OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Fluhart informed the board that Mr. Robert Cole of the USACE asked to be placed on the November 21, 2013 agenda to discuss upcoming permitting changes.

NOTE: Due to the government shutdown, Mr. Cole was unable to attend the September 2013 meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Earl Frederick asked if the February 27, 2014 Wetlands meeting date could be changed to February 20<sup>th</sup> as he has an out-of-town commitment on February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. All members present indicated no problem with the change.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Davis made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 a.m. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Taylor.

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Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman