

**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 July, 2014, A.D.

**Members present:**

Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman  
Mr. George H. Ward, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Mr. Gene Taylor  
Mr. T. Lee Byrd  
Mr. Jay C. Ford, Alternate member

**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 June 26, 2014 meeting as circulated. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Byrd.

2). **CONTINUED FROM JUNE 26, 2014**

**An application from William and Tina Crim, VMRC# 2014-0711, for the installation of a low-profile erosion control feature (rip rap with backfill),**

**Captain's Cove Subdivision, Seaview Street, near Greenbackville, Virginia.**

**TM# 5A1-1-791**

Mr. Chris McCabe with Coastal Compliance Solutions LLC, appeared before the board to represent this application. He provided a brief description of this proposed shoreline erosion control project and indicated tentative approval from the Captain's Cove Environmental Committee and the Army Corps had been received. Mr. McCabe also discussed how a cost comparison had been done for a bulkhead and mitigation versus stone and why the proposed method was chosen.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Byrd made a motion to approve this application as presented. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Taylor. Mr. Ford was not present during this discussion.

**3). NEW BUSINESS**

**1). An application from Karen L. Knaple, VMRC# 2014-0843, for the installation of: 1) New bulkhead within 2-foot channelward of an existing failing bulkhead; 2) Place rip rap revetment at the north-end of existing bulkhead; 3) Replace in-place existing failing bulkhead; 4) Remove existing concrete rubble, install new bulkhead, and position concrete rubble along toe of new bulkhead; and 5) Install a return wall at south-end of new bulkhead at 22395 Marlin Lane, Gut off of Bradford Bay, near Wachapreague, Virginia. TM# 113-2-D8, et als**

Mr. Grant Cooley of Shore Engineering appeared before the board to represent this application. Mr. Cooley identified areas of the property that are

showing signs of erosion and indicated that while the placement of rip rap will stop erosion on the north-end of the property, the replacement bulkhead will keep the bank in place.

At this time, Mr. Fluhart read the rip rap guidelines adopted by this Board. Mr. Cooley agreed that the contractor will comply with the guidelines as read.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Ward made a motion to approve this application with the condition that the use of the concrete rip rap material shall conform to the guidelines previously set by the Accomack County Wetlands Board. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Byrd. Mr. Ford was not present during this discussion.

**2). An application from Bennie J. Etheridge, VMRC# 2014-0841, for the removal of an existing failed rip rap revetment and to install riprap revetment along a severely eroding shoreline at 10262 Scarborough's Neck Road, Occohannock Creek, near Davis Wharf, Virginia. TM# 117-10-B**

Mrs. Katrina Hickman and Mr. Stephen Bunce, Jr. of Bayside Marine Construction Inc. appeared before the board to represent this application. Mrs. Hickman began with a description of how the shoreline on this property has severely eroded and allowed Mr. Bunce to explain the specifics on the linear footage of the new revetment and how the stabilization will be done.

Mr. Bunce referred to pictures of the property showing areas of erosion and explained how the old sections of rip rap will be removed and replaced. This explanation revealed that this project will involve 950 feet of shoreline as shown on the drawings submitted.

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

**3). An application from Captain's Cove Golf & Yacht Club, VMRC# 2014-0811, for the installation of four (4) stone sand containment sills with backfill and planting with spartina alternaflora channelward of the Mean High Water on Bayside Drive, Chincoteague Bay, near Greenbackville, Virginia. TM# 5A1-1-1006 and TM# 5A1-1-1009.**

Mr. Chris McCabe of Coastal Compliance Solutions LLC, appeared before the Board to represent this application. He stated that this project involves two lots with all work channelward of the Mean High Water line. He explained how this method of shoreline protection was chosen as it will provide public access to the water and is the most cost effective.

A discussion about the monitoring of this project began. In conclusion, Mr. McCabe agreed to provide an update periodically.

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

**IN OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hank Badger of VMRC gave a brief update about new guidelines that will soon be adopted for Living Shorelines where projects that meet a certain threshold may be exempt from the local wetlands board's approval and justification will have to be given if a living shoreline is not selected.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 11:03 a.m. Mr. Ford seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Ford, and Mr. Byrd.

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Earl B. Frederick, Chairman