

Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board, held in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors on the 25th day of June, 2015, A.D.

Members present:

Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman
Mr. George H. Ward, Jr., Vice Chairman
Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor
Mr. T. Lee Byrd
Mr. Timothy Getek

Staff present:

Ms. Gracie A. Milbourne, Interim Zoning Administrator &
Recording Secretary

Others present:

Mr. Hank Badger, VMRC

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 May 28, 2015 meeting as circulated. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Byrd and Mr. Getek.

2). NEW BUSINESS

1). An application from Linda J. Mormile, VMRC# 2015-0667, for the installation of riprap revetment and construction of a new bulkhead at 15125

Russell Drive, near Onancock, Virginia. TM# 83B-2-A1

Mr. Grant Cooley of Shore Engineering appeared before the board to represent this application. Mr. Cooley described the location of the property and referred to the drawings to explain the location of the proposed rip rap revetment and the proposed 30-foot long bulkhead that will extend 15 feet beyond the property line onto the neighbor's property.

Mr. Frederick stated that in a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Charles Russell, they have authorized Ms. Mormile to extend the bulkhead over on their property as proposed.

A brief conversation occurred about the bulkhead encroachment on the neighbor's property. Mr. Badger stated that VMRC does not have a problem with the encroachment and would not require a separate permit.

At this time, Mr. Frederick read a portion of the VIMS report for the record that preferred a vegetative approach with native plantings for the stabilization of the bank and the shoreline.

After some discussion about the abnormality of the shoreline and how the vegetative approach would not work for this site, Mr. Ward made a motion to approve this application as presented. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Getek.

2). An application from Thomas J. Hill, VMRC# 2015-0647, for the installation of rip rap revetment and marsh sill at 29715 Burton Road, Pungoteague, Virginia. TM# 99-6-Y

Mr. Grant Cooley of Shore Engineering appeared before the board to

represent this application. He described the severely undercut bank along the shoreline and indicated that the proposed rip rap revetment will follow the bank in a straight line as much as possible.

Mr. Hank Badger appeared before the board and reminded Mr. Cooley that the General Assembly has asked that a living shoreline be considered first and if not feasible, an explanation is required. He further acknowledged that most of this project is outside of the wetlands board's jurisdiction with the exception of the rock sill.

Mr. Frederick read the VIMS report that suggested grading the bank, landscaping and a vegetative buffer.

Mr. Cooley explained that part of the proposed project will save and stabilize the existing living shoreline.

After a brief discussion about how the revetment is the best option for this project and after the acknowledgment of neighbors in the audience who were in support this project, Mr. Ward made a motion to approve this application was presented. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Getek.

3). **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Discuss revisions to an approved application with conditions for Captain's Cove Golf & Yacht Club, VMRC# 2015-0180, for the installation of three staggered stone vented sills with sand fill, planted with *Spartina alterniflora* and *Spartina patens* in Captain's Cove Subdivision, Lots 760 to 763, Seaview Street, Greenbackville, Virginia. TM# 5A1-1-760-763

Mr. Chris McCabe with Coastal Compliance Solutions was unable to attend this meeting; however, he sent an email to staff asking if there would be an issue if the architect left the drawings for these lots *as is* that shows the design of the sill along the south side protruding just beyond the existing bulkhead to address the alignment of the fetch and provide for sand accretion behind it.

The board members briefly discussed this matter, understood what was the architect was trying to accomplish and decided that no additional action would be required for the project.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Earl B. Frederick, Chairman