

**Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board, held in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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, Secretary, Wetland Board & 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 October 22, 2015 meeting as circulated. Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Getek.

**2). NEW BUSINESS**

**1). An application from Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, VMRC# 2015-1348, to install oyster castles at two locations (Tom's Cove site and**

**Assateague Bay at the North Flats site) to restore oyster reef habitat,  
Chincoteague, Virginia. TM# 46-A-2**

Mr. Kevin Holcomb, Supervisory Wildlife Biologist and Mr. Bo Lusk, Coastal Scientist with The Nature Conservancy appeared before the Board to represent this application. Mr. Holcomb presented a *Power-Point Presentation* to explain the oyster reef restoration process, its benefit, and the proposed location of the oyster castles.

Mr. Lusk explained that the oyster castles will give the marsh a chance to heal and provide wave energy but will not impact vegetated wetlands. He described the interlocking 30-lb concrete block design for the castles and indicated that no filter cloth will be used and explained the denitrification process.

Mr. Hank Badger of VMRC appeared before the board to answer questions from the board regarding the leased area and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Mr. Getek stated that he is a subscribing member of the Nature Conservancy's newsletter for the record..

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

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Byrd made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 a.m. Mr. Ward seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Ward, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Getek.

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Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman