

**Virginia: At a meeting of the Accomack County Wetlands Board, held in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016, A.D.**

**Members present:**

Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman  
Mr. Gene Wayne Taylor  
Mr. T. Lee Byrd  
Mr. Timothy Getek  
Mr. Jim White, Alternate

**Members absent:**

Mr. George H. Ward, Jr., Vice Chairman

**Staff present:**

Ms. Gracie A. Milbourne, Secretary, Wetlands 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 January 28, 2016 meeting as circulated. Mr. White seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Taylor, Mr. White, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Getek.

2). **NEW BUSINESS**

**1). An application from Edward Gemmel, VMRC# 2016-0109 for the installation of a replacement bulkhead along Onancock Creek in East Point Subdivision, near Onancock, Virginia. TM# 83B-2-D-2**

Mr. Nathan Iseman, contractor, appeared before the Board to represent this application. He stated that the 105-foot bulkhead, tie backs and return wall near the public road needed to be replaced with the old pilings left in place if possible.

Discussion between the board members and Mr. Badger revealed that a small section of this project toward the public road in this board's jurisdiction and all other areas were in the jurisdiction of VMRC. Mr. Getek asked whether the owners of the public roads should be contacted and was informed that it was owned by the association and not Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Mr. Frederick summarized the VIMS' recommendations that suggested a stone revetment instead of a bulkhead. Mr. Byrd stated that a stone revetment would not work along this property since there is no shoreline and nothing to stop the erosion.

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

**2). An application from Mark Conklin, VMRC# 2016-0118 for the installation of a bulkhead along Eel Creek at 7085 Willow Court Lane, Chincoteague, Virginia. TM# 30A3-19-10**

Mr. Luke Britton, contractor, appeared before the Board to represent this application. He asked for the approval to construct a 136-foot bulkhead along Fallon Creek (instead of Eel Creek as stated in error in the Joint Permit Application) with alignment close to the bank and in a straight line.

Mr. Frederick read the VIMS recommendations for this site that suggested a vegetative approach.

Discussions regarding what the distance from the deck to the bulkhead would be without compromising utilities, whether the water meters are active, and about the two PVC pipes that extended across the canal.

After this discussion, Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve this application with the condition that the drawing must be amended to reflect the 7-foot distance from the deck to the bulkhead. Mr. White seconded the motion.

Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Taylor, Mr. White, Mr. Byrd, and Mr. Getek.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Byrd made a motion to adjourn at 10:42 a.m. Mr. Taylor seconded the motion. Ayes: Mr. Frederick, Mr. Byrd, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Getek, and Mr. White.

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Mr. Earl B. Frederick, Chairman