

# **RICHMOND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

March 24, 2016

The Richmond County Wetlands Board had a meeting on March 24, 2016 in the Public Meeting Room, Warsaw, Virginia.

Wetlands Board Members Present: David Gallagher, Michael Sisson, Bobby Yeatman and Greg Gruner.

Others attending the meeting were: Richard English (Environmental Compliance Agent), Randy Owen (VMRC), Jes Sgroi (Contractor, Edgewater Marine Construction, LLC), James & Margaret Carreras, and Vanelia Gallagher.

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m., welcomed members and guests, and read the opening statement.

## **MINUTES**

***“On a motion made by Bobby Yeatman, seconded by Michael Sisson, the Board unanimously approved the February 25, 2016 meeting minutes as written.”***

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- James P. Carreras, 2011 Oakengate, Midlothian, VA 23113, has applied for permission to construct a low-profile timber groin along his Rappahannock River shoreline, located at 278 Rappa Point Road and further identified as Parcel 11 of Tax Map 14B. (VMRC #16-0320)

Mr. Carreras, Applicant for the project, explained his desire to replace the old existing groin in the same general location and that the existing pier was going to be rebuilt two feet over onto his property with the existing boat ramp located further downriver to remain as is.

Mr. Gallagher opened it up to discussion among the board members. He stated that the request was “fairly straight forward”. No questions or further discussion was had.

At Mr. Gallagher’s direction Mr. English presented his staff report for the project.

Mr. Gallagher clarified that the most recently received drawing revision proposes a groin 35 feet in length.

***“On a motion made by Michael Sission, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board voted unanimously to approve VRMC application #16-0320 with an expiration date of March 24, 2017.”***

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gallager opened the floor up to Mr. Mike Vanlandingham to explain his role at the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).

Mr. Vanlandingham introduced himself as a shoreline engineer with the Shoreline Erosion Advisory Service (SEAS). He further explained that the program was 36 years old being first created in 1980 with a mission to provide the best available technical assistance to property owners experiencing shoreline erosion in Virginia. The program provides the services of site investigation and prepares advisory reports with suggested controls. They can also provide the service of plan review for proposed controls prior to them being submitted and reviewed for state and local permits to ensure they meet sound engineering practice. They can also provide the service of inspection during construction to ensure that the plans are being followed appropriately. The SEAS program more importantly can provide technical assistance to the local Wetlands Board as well as other regulatory agencies involved in the shoreline permitting process. He stated that his main purpose for being there was to simply reintroduce the program and to make himself available to the Local Wetlands Board for assistance and stressed that all of these services previously explained are free of charge.

Mr. English made the board members aware of the upcoming VIMS CCRM Tidal Wetlands Workshop on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> in Gloucester. Registration is due by May 1<sup>st</sup> if anyone is interested in attending.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Submitted as observed,

Richard English  
Acting as Secretary