

RICHMOND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2016

The Richmond County Wetlands Board had a meeting on February 25, 2016 in the Public Meeting Room, Warsaw, Virginia.

Wetlands Board Members Present: David Gallagher, Greg Gruner, Bobby Yeatman, Michael Sisson, and Shari Faina (Alternate Member).

Others attending the meeting were: Richard English (Code Compliance Officer), Denise Dunaway (Development Services Manager), Rachel Maulorico (VMRC), Craig Palubinski (Agent, Bay Shore Design), James & Susan Lehman, and Vanelia Gallagher.

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcomed members and guests, and read the opening statement.

MINUTES

“On a motion made by Bobby Yeatman, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board unanimously approved the January 28, 2016 meeting minutes as written.”

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- James C. and Susan P. Lehman, P.O. Box 280, Manquin, VA 23106, has applied for permission to construct a rip-rap revetment along their Morattico Creek shoreline, located at 481 Indian Banks Road and further identified as Parcels A2 of Tax Map 43(2). (VMRC#16- 0138)

Mr. Craig Palubinski, Agent for the project, provided the Board with site photographs and explained the proposed project.

Mr. Michael Sisson said that he has concern with the proposed project and feels certain that the hardening of the shoreline will cause scouring of the wetlands vegetation. Mr. Sisson recommended constructing a near shore sill to protect the inner tidal area.

Mr. Palubinski gave the Board a drawing showing a sample revetment and sill section view. He said that a sill would cost twice as much as the rip rap revetment, which is why the revetment is proposed.

Ms. Faina asked Mr. Palubinski if the trees would be removed. Mr. Palubinski said that the trees will stay.

Mr. Sisson said he is familiar with the property and feels that certain wind direction and boat wake would provide a negative impact on the shoreline.

Chairman Gallagher said he agrees that the adjacent neighbors have lost grasses.

Mr. Yeatman commented that both neighbors were issued permits for rip-rap revetment but he agrees that some vegetation has been lost.

Mr. Sisson said, in his opinion, a shore sill would allow real estate to be gained and would take away wave energy and protect the grasses.

“On a motion made by Bobby Yeatman, seconded by Shari Faina, the Board voted to approve VRMC application #16-0138 with an expiration date of February 25, 2017. The motions carried with a 4-1 vote (Bobby Yeatman – yay; Shari Faina – yay; Michael Sisson – nay; David Gallagher – yay; and Greg Gruner – yay).”

EXTENSION REQUEST

Mr. English told the Board that he has received a letter from Richard Thomas regarding VMRC permit #11-0496. Mr. English said that Mr. Thomas’ permit will expire on April 28, 2016 and he has asked for a one-year extension. He said that there have been no major changes to the shoreline since the permit was issued in 2011 and he recommends granting the one-year extension.

“On a motion made by Bobby Yeatman, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board unanimously voted to grant a one-year extension to VRMC permit #11-0496, with an expiration date of April 28, 2017.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted as observed,

Richard English
Acting as Secretary