

# **RICHMOND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

September 27, 2018

The Richmond County Wetlands Board held a meeting on September 27, 2018 in the Public Meeting Room, Warsaw, Virginia.

Wetlands Board Members Present: David Gallagher, Wayne Morris, Michael Sisson, Thomas Kiple (Absent – Nancy Finnegan, Greg Gruner)

Others attending the meeting were: Richard English (Environmental Compliance Agent), Liz Hylan, Jay Woodward (VMRC), Craig Palubinski (Bayshore Design, LLC), and approximately 2 others.

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., welcomed members and guests, and read the opening statement.

## **MINUTES**

***“On a motion made by Michael Sisson, seconded by Wayne Morris, the Board unanimously approved the June 28, 2018 meeting minutes as written.”***

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- Sterling and Sonja Hening, 3307 Pond Chase Court, Midlothian, VA 23113, has applied for permission to construct an armor stone spur and breakwater with associated beach nourishment and wetlands vegetation plantings along their Rappahannock River shoreline, located at 4535 Naylor's Beach Road and further identified as Parcel 6 of Tax Map 14. (VMRC#18-1369)

Craig Palubinski presented the board with the proposal to construct 40 linear feet of rip-rap breakwater and one rip-rap spur 40 linear feet in length along with an associated 95 cubic yards of beach nourishment and establishment of 1,600 square feet of wetlands vegetation along the Rappahannock River Shoreline. Mr. Palubinski mentioned the shoreline currently consists of a sparsely vegetated intertidal beach area. Mr. Palubinski noted the existing rip rap along the shoreline will be refurbished. Mr. Palubinski also noted they will reshape and move some of the existing rocks where areas of the fabric is torn and replace with some new filter cloth and top dress with class two armor stone. Mr. Palubinski mentioned on the West End the bank is relatively low and starting to cut back on the returning wall. Mr. Palubinski noted the shoreline consists of rip-rap revetment that is to be refurbished with class II armor stone. Mr. Palubinski also noted upriver from this site is the inlet to Doctors Creek.

Mr. Palubinski mentioned this proposed design is consistent with the guidelines provided by VIMS and VMRC with proposed encroachment being the minimum necessary required to enhance protection of the shoreline.

Mr. Palubinski noted the two adjoining property owners have been notified and have no concerns.

Mr. Sisson commended Mr. Palubinski on his excellent design.

There is no public comment.

***“On a motion made by Michael Sisson, seconded by Wayne Morris, the Board voted unanimously to approve VMRC application #18-1369 with an expiration date of September 27, 2021.”***

- John R. Mothershead, 102 Carriage Point Lane, Glen Allen, VA 23059, has applied for permission to construct an armor stone revetment and multiple armor stone groins with along his Rappahannock River shoreline, located at 484 Motley Farm Lane, Farnham, VA and further identified as Parcel 1 of Tax Map 43(6). (VMRC#18-1373)

Mr. Palubinski presented the board with the proposal to construct 220 linear ft. of rip-rap revetment as well as three low-profile rip-rap groins (48 linear feet each) along Mr. Mothershead’s shoreline. Mr. Palubinski noted the upland is a grass lawn maintained to the top of 4’ high timber bulkhead and the downriver neighboring shoreline consist of a timber bulkhead and multiple timber groins. Mr. Palubinski also noted the rip-rap is a proposed channel ward of the existing bulkhead and would continue to sever the connection between the upland and shoreline areas by changing the natural shoreline to rock. Mr. Palubinski mentioned they will be doing a 6ft apron from the bulkhead back into the yard to keep the yard from washing out in extreme high tides and wave action from storms.

Mr. Palubinski noted there is minimal wetland impact due to not a whole lot of sand in front of the wall at low tide.

Mr. Palubinski mentioned there shouldn’t be any future deterioration of the bulkhead or a need to be replaced since it will be cased in stone.

Mr. English stated there is one staff recommendation and permit condition to provide artificial beach nourishment for the proposed groin.

Jay Woodward with VMRC noted with the recommendation making the applicant aware that with the product this will not build a beach. Mr. Woodward noted if the applicant would like more sand it can be handled as a modification.

There is no public comment.

***“On a motion made by Michael Sisson, seconded by Wayne Morris, the Board voted unanimously to approve VMRC application #18-1373 with the recommendation of considering sand nourishment.”***

- Cobham Park Farm LLC, c/o Andrew Packett, 478 Cobham Park Lane, Warsaw, VA 22572, has applied for permission to construct a riprap revetment and riprap spurs adjacent to an existing groin along their Rappahannock River shoreline, located at 566 Cobham Park

Lane and further identified as Parcel 2 of Tax Map 29. (VMRC#18-1429)

Mr. Robert Lewis representing Andrew Packett with Cobham Park LLC presented the board with a two-part application to construct 141 linear feet of rip-rap revetment as well as 20 feet of rip-rap spurs adjacent to an existing timber groin along his high energy, sand shoreline of the Rappahannock River. Mr. Lewis noted at the northern part of the drawing provided there is an existing groin and wants to construct a spur 10ft each way approximately 16ft from the end. Mr. Lewis also noted beginning at the south part construct a rip-rap revetment across the front of Mr. Packett's property. Mr. Lewis mentioned the revetment is at the toe of the bank that is above high water. Mr. Lewis noted the revetment will be located behind a small area of vegetated wetland.

Mr. Lewis mentioned the loose concrete pavers will be pulled back and cleaned up to be used as a base to put the large armor stone on top off. Mr. Lewis also mentioned there was a little bit of rip-rap that was put under the pier to protect the tow of the bank to keep from washing out that will be re worked.

Mr. Lewis stated the growing will be tied in with the rip-rap revetment so water can't get into the land end of it.

Mr. Lewis noted there should not be any issues from Mr. Packett's surrounding property owners.

Mr. English noted there are no staff recommendations or proposed permit conditions.

There is no public comment.

*“On a motion made by Michael Sisson, seconded by Wayne Morris, the Board voted unanimously to approve VMRC application #18-1429 with an expiration date of September 27, 2021.”*

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. English noted there is a public hearing meeting scheduled for October 2018.

Mr. English introduced Jay Woodward who is taking over for Randy Owen with VMRC.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted as observed  
Liz Hylan  
Acting as Secretary