

RICHMOND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2015

The Richmond County Wetlands Board had a meeting on January 22, 2015 in the Public Meeting Room, Warsaw, Virginia.

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

Wetlands Board Members Absent: Billy Walker, Nancy Finnegan

Others attending the meeting were: Richard English (Code Compliance Officer), Denise Dunaway (Development Services Manager), Randy Owen (VMRC), Vanelia Gallagher, Robert Lewis (Agent), Stan Terhune, and Elizabeth Terhune.

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

MINUTES

Minutes from the December 4, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- Mr. Lester S. Terhune, III, P. O. Box 41, Sharps, Virginia 22548, has applied for permission to install low-profile timber groins along his Rappahannock River shoreline located at 6048 Sharps Road and the properties in question are further identified as Tax Map 42 Parcels 55 and 56. VMRC #14-1680.

Robert Lewis, Agent, explained the proposed project to the Board, which includes the removal and replacement of a 35' groin, with a 16" spur, and the installation of a 36' groin.

Mr. Sisson questioned if sand nourishment is part of the application.

Mr. English said that sand nourishment is not part of the application but sand nourishment is initially recommended.

Mr. English read his staff report which states "If the proposed groins are considered justified, it is recommended that the groins be artificially nourished initially, and maintained as necessary, to lessen the interruption of sand transported along this shoreline and the potential erosion of neighboring properties. The material used for artificial nourishment should be clean sand of a particle size and composition similar to that currently existing on the beach."

Mr. English provided each member with the VIMS report which recommended replacing the existing groin and providing sand nourishment.

Mr. Lewis asked for clarification about the sand nourishment being mandatory or just as a recommendation. Mr. Lewis said he could revise the drawings and show the beach nourishment if needed.

Chairman Gallagher said they have never required mandatory sand nourishment but it is open to comments. Bobby suggested giving it a change to collect the sand.

Mr. Sisson said the only concern he had with not nourishing it initially is how much free sand will be moving around the rip rap.

Chairman Gallagher said we need to be consistent.

Mr. English said he liked the idea of putting a condition on the project to see how it naturally catches the sand after a year.

Mr. Owen, VMRC, said there was nothing illegal about that type of motion.

“On a motion made by Michael Sisson, seconded by Greg Gruner, the Board unanimously voted to approve VMCR application #14-1680, with a 1-year period of observing the sand nourishment, with an expiration date of January 22, 2017.”

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. English informed the Board that he has one application that he will schedule for February 26, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Submitted as observed,

Richard English
Acting as Secretary