

YORK COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD

Minutes of April 14, 2022

6:00 PM

At a meeting of the York County Wetlands Board held on Thursday April 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Public Works Administration Building located at 105 Service Drive, Yorktown, Virginia, those present were:

Board Members: Jeff Frye, Acting Chair
 Jan Allen
 Rebecca Yasky
 Noel West
 Timothy Smith

Staff: Kent Henkel, Engineering Specialist II
 Barrett Nicks, Engineering Specialist I
 Brenda Farmer, Administrative Technician

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Jeff Frye, Acting Chair.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The March 10, 2022 Wetlands Board minutes were approved by consensus.

WETLANDS APPLICATIONS

- **Application 22-09, VMRC 22-0196 for Claudette Lajoie, PhD, (Agent) and Department of Defense-AFETA Camp Peary, (Property Owner)** Request to remove existing gravel and install riprap four feet in width and approximately one thousand linear feet (approximately 4000 cubic feet) along Ferry Point Road adjacent to Carter Creek tidal wetlands.

Kent Henkel presented the application, property maps, photographs, and gave a brief history of the project. Staff states that there is already rip-rap on the other side of the road, during extreme high tides the water is coming over the road and washing the gravel out, causing erosion to occur. Kent states that the impacts are temporary wetlands impacts to get the gravel out. Board inquires if the gravel they are pulling out will be put back on top of the rip-rap. Kent explains, that they are going to excavate one-foot, then remove the gravel that has migrated into the wetlands, then install the riprap.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

No one came forward

The chair closed the public hearing.

Mr. Frye stated that it was pretty straight forward.

Ms. Yasky motioned to approve Application 22-09, VMRC 22-0196 with revised drawings submitted February 10, 2022.

The motion was approved on the following roll call:

Noel West	Yes
Timothy Smith	Yes
Jan Allen	Yes
Rebecca Yasky	Yes
Jeff Frye	Yes

Mr. Frye stated the application is approved and the approval letter will be emailed within 10 days.

- **Application 22-14, VMRC 22-0366 for Claudette Lajoie, (Agent) and Department of Defense-AFETA Camp Peary (Applicant):** Request for the construction of four breakwaters downstream of an existing gabion basket system protecting the shoreline and upstream of an existing breakwater system located along the York River shoreline adjacent to Colonial Road.

Kent Henkel presented the application, property maps, photographs, and gave a brief history of the project. Kent states that the project is to protect approximately 500 linear feet of existing shore, wetlands and an adjacent road way that currently has severe erosion. He explains there is an existing breakwater system and that they are trying to tie into both systems, there will be sand backfill and plantings at the appropriate elevation behind the breakwaters. Each breakwater will have a sill elevation of approximately 5 feet to 6 feet above mean low water, approximately 3 feet high in width at the top, and 25 feet wide at the base. The slope will be 2:1 on each side, and each breakwater is approximately 50 feet in length. Kent also states there will approximately 5,000 square feet of subaqueous bottom impacted for the breakwaters. The Board inquired about some existing bricks located at the toe of the breakwater where they are going to put some fill. Claudette Lajoie, PhD, (Agent) was asked to come forward.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Claudette Lajoie, PhD, Solstice Environmental, LLC, of 127 Peach Street, Cape Charles came forward and explained the bricks were from an old wharf foundation. James River Institute for Archaeology did an investigation, as well as an underwater archaeology firm. It was determined that they could move forward and essentially preserve the bricks in place. Claudette also explained that the road is a vital component for base wide security that they have to have as part of their requirements.

The chair closed the public hearing.

Mr. Smith motioned to approve Application 22-14, VMRC 22-0366 with revised drawings submitted March 21, 2022.

The motion was approved on the following roll call:

Rebecca Yasky	Yes
Noel West	Yes
Jan Allen	Yes
Timothy Smith	Yes
Jeff Frye	Yes

Mr. Frye stated the application is approved and the approval letter will be emailed within 10 days.

- **Application 22-20, VMRC 22-0460 for Bobby Thacker, (Property Owner):** Request to perform hydraulic maintenance dredging of a man-made canal connected to Hodges Cove at 309 Hodges Cove Rd.

Kent Henkel presented the application, property maps, photographs, and gave a brief history of the project. He explained that Mr. Thacker did the same project in 2005. The dredging will be done from the shoreline with a track excavator; the dredge material will be taken by truck to his sons' property. Kent states there will not be any trees removed and the dredge area is about 15 feet wide, 42 feet long, and 3 feet deep. The dredging will stay 3 feet from the walls and 4 feet from the end walls, so there is no impact on the stability of the bulkhead.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Bob Thacker, of 309 Hodges Cove Road, came forward. He stated that the canal had originally been built in 1963, and since then, has been dredged about 5 times. Mr. Thacker stated that the drain-pipe empties during a heavy rains and it blasts a hole in the sediment and carries the sediment further downstream.

The chair closed the public hearing.

Mr. West motioned to approve Application 22-20, VMRC 22-0460 with the following conditions:

- A three foot-foot buffer adjacent to the bulkheads will be observed.
- No tree removal has been authorized.

The motion was approved on the following roll call:

Rebecca Yasky	Yes
Timothy Smith	Yes
Jan Allen	Yes
Noel West	Yes
Jeff Frye	Yes

Mr. Frye stated the application is approved and the approval letter will be emailed within 10 days.

EXTENSIONS AND FINALS

- **Permit 20-14, VMRC 20-0367 for C2 Environmental, Inc., (Agent/Contractor) and Colonial National Historical Park, (Property Owner):** Request to construct riprap revetment along the shoreline of the York River near Felgates Creek and riprap revetment along the shoreline of the York River near Indian Field Creek.

Kent Henkel presented before and after photos of the completed project. The Board agreed by consensus to approve the final inspection and close the permit.

- **Permit 20-15, VMRC 20-0380 for Jeff Watkins, (Agent/ Contractor) and BH Commercial Holdings, (Property Owner):** Request to construct a marsh toe sill with beach nourishment and plantings along the shoreline of the Poquoson River at 820 Ship Point Road.

Kent Henkel presented before and after photos of the completed project. The Board agreed by consensus to approve the final inspection and close the permit.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

There will be a May meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm



Eric Ancarrow, Chair

5-12-22

Date