

YORK COUNTY TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES
March 11, 2019
12:00 Noon
Andrea's Italian Restaurant
Yorktown, Virginia

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Present</u>
Thomas M. Slaughter, Chairman	Citizen – District 5	X
David C. Westcott, Vice Chairman	Citizen – District 3	
Eddie M. Abisaab	Citizen – District 4	
William Andersen	Citizen – District 1	X
Ronald O. Fowler	Citizen – District 2	X
Lisa Z. Church	Citizen – District 5	X
Martha A. Haley	Citizen – District 4	X
Spindler Krause, Jr.	Citizen – District 3	
Michael F. Smith	Citizen – District 1	X
Timothy C. Cross, Staff Liaison/Secretary	York County Planning Division	X
Sheriff J. D. "Danny" Diggs	York County Sheriff's Office	X
Leilani Gantt	York County Youth Commission	X
W. Chad Green	York County Board of Supervisors	X
Carl L. James	York County School Division	
Landyn Kopczynski	York County Youth Commission	X
Stephen P. Kopczynski	York County Dept. of Fire and Life Safety	X
James T. Lash	York County School Division	
Angela Biney	Virginia Dept. of Transportation (VDOT)	
Jason Flood	National Park Service	X
Dwight A. Jenkins	Virginia Highway Safety Office	X

MEETING CONVENED

Chairman Slaughter called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. The December 10, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved as amended to include Ms. Haley and Ms. Gantt on the list of attendees.

Chairman Slaughter welcomed Ms. Landyn Kopczynski of the York County Youth Commission, and all those present introduced themselves.

OPENING REMARKS

Chairman Slaughter noted that the City of Newport News has disbanded its Transportation Safety Commission, and he asked Mr. Jenkins if York County is the only locality on the Peninsula that has a commission. Mr. Jenkins said he believes that is correct. Mr. Green asked what other localities do, and Mr. Jenkins responded that the cities typically rely on their professional engineering staffs. Ms. Haley commented that she feels the Commission serves a valuable purpose and that she hopes the County does not follow the example of Newport News and other localities. Mr. Green responded that although he is always looking for ways to increase efficiencies, he feels that under Chairman Slaughter's leadership, the Commission has played a useful role.

Chairman Slaughter provided the following transportation-related highlights from an email newsletter recently sent out by Mr. Shepperd, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors:

- VDOT staff has recommended approval of a series of turn lane and intersection improvements along Victory Boulevard between North and South Bowman Terrace and Big Bethel Road;

- The County has plans to install sidewalks along Hampton Highway between Autumn Way and Lake Dale Way and along Big Bethel Road between Running Man Trail and Tabb Elementary School;
- Archeological work is underway along Route 17 between Wolf Trap Road and Denbigh Boulevard/Goodwin Neck Road as part of the next Route 17 widening project;
- VDOT's project to replace the Route 134 Wythe Creek Bridge is moving forward; and
- A shoulder widening on Cook Road, adding two feet on both sides between Surrender Road and Ballard Street, is underway.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Safety Review: Route 17/Terrebonne Road Intersection

Chairman Slaughter stated that in response to a request from Mr. Green, he, Mr. Fowler, and Ms. Haley had conducted a review of the intersection of Route 17 and Terrebonne Road. He explained that citizens have complained about not being able to turn onto Route 17 from Terrebonne Road during the morning and afternoon peak hours because the intersection is blocked by southbound vehicles on Route 17 waiting at the signal at Denbigh Boulevard/Goodwin Neck Road. He added that there is a DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign at the southbound approach to Terrebonne Road. Mr. Slaughter added that another problem at the intersection is that because the median break on Route 17 does not line up with Terrebonne Road, vehicles seeking to turn left from northbound Route 17 onto Terrebonne Road drive north in the southbound lanes – against traffic – prior to turning onto Terrebonne Road. In addition, he stated, drivers cannot see the northbound lanes of Route 17 from Terrebonne Road because of the difference in elevation, and he stated that there is evidence of people driving on the grass median. He added that the long-term solution would be to either relocate or widen the median break and that he would recommend asking VDOT to conduct a safety study of the intersection.

Mr. Fowler added that in his opinion, the DO NOT BLOCK INTERSECTION sign is too far from the intersection and should be relocated. Mr. Green responded that he thinks that is a good idea and that he would also recommended painting "Do Not Block Intersection" markings (i.e., a white box, possibly with an "X" inside the box) on the Route 17 road pavement at the intersection. He recommended that the Commission ask VDOT to make both changes. Chairman Slaughter asked Sheriff Diggs about the possibility of conducting selective enforcement at the median break. Sheriff Diggs responded that it would be a low priority since the effect would be to punish people who are already frustrated by the inability to get into and out of their neighborhood.

Legislative Update: 2019 General Assembly Session

Chairman Slaughter stated that Mr. Westcott was not able to attend the meeting to report on the outcome of the 2019 General Assembly and did not provide a written report.

Ad Hoc Committee on Sidewalks

Chairman Slaughter stated that Mr. Abisaab, Mr. Andersen, and Ms. Haley had volunteered to serve with him on an ad hoc sidewalk committee and that three of them had met recently to talk about different ideas, such as providing sidewalks on Route 17 and requiring more sidewalks in conjunction with new development. He stated that the County is looking at potential near-term sidewalk projects to be funded

through the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) as well as the County's overall sidewalk network, which is to be addressed as part of the Comprehensive Plan update that is currently underway. Chairman Slaughter asked Mr. Cross about the time frame for the committee to provide its recommendations to the County. Mr. Cross responded that if the committee has specific CIP projects to recommend, it should do so in the next two months so they can be considered for the County's next Revenue Sharing application. With regard to the Comprehensive Plan update, he stated that it will continue at least through 2020, and there will be multiple opportunities to provide input throughout the process. He added that the York 2040 Committee, which is overseeing the Comprehensive Plan review, held a meeting last week to discuss bikeways and sidewalks.

Chairman Slaughter added that the committee might need to have some discussion with the School Division since walking to school does not appear to be promoted very strongly. Mr. Flood commented that a number of the high-speed, high-volume roads in the County do not appear to be conducive to sidewalks for safety reasons and that multi-use paths that are separated from the road might be a better alternative in those cases. Mr. Cross added that the previously mentioned Victory Boulevard project between North and South Bowman Terrace and Big Bethel Road will include a multi-use path.

Neighborhood Speeding

Chairman Slaughter stated that he belongs to a web-based discussion group with members from his neighborhood and nearby neighborhoods. He stated that a recent topic of discussion had to do with drivers speeding through their neighborhoods and also failing to stop at STOP signs, and he read some of the comments that have been made. He asked the members for their reaction. Mr. Cross responded that the County receives similar comments from all over the County and that when the Sheriff's Office conducts a "stealth stat" study to measure the actual speed of traffic, the results usually show that most people are actually driving at or slightly above the posted speed limit. Sheriff Diggs agreed, adding that the Sheriff's Office also uses a mobile radar trailer that shows people how fast they are driving and is in heavy demand. He explained that the goal is to deter speeding by raising people's awareness. In response to a question from Chairman Slaughter, Sheriff Diggs stated that citizens should contact the Sheriff's Office if they have a complaint about speeding.

REPORTS

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

There was no report.

Virginia Highway Safety Office (VAHSO)

Mr. Jenkins reported that this year's Highway Safety Summit will be held May 21-23 at the Blue Ridge Hotel and Conference Center in Roanoke. He added that an impaired driving initiative will be conducted March 15-17. Mr. Jenkins also reported that there will be a "Click it or Ticket" enforcement period from May 13 through June 2 and that the Sheriff's Office has applied for grants for speeding and impaired driving enforcement. Lastly, he reported that so far this year there have been three fewer traffic fatalities in Virginia than in the same period last year, while the number of pedestrian fatalities is six higher than last year. He stated that there is a major statewide effort to address the rising number of pedestrian fatalities. In response to a question from Chairman Slaughter, Mr. Jenkins reported that the state's seat belt use rate was 84% last year.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee.

There was no report.

Legislative Policy and Publicity Committee

There was no report

Motor Vehicle Safety Committee

Mr. Fowler stated that he had nothing further to report but that he had recently been contacted by a citizen who had a concern about the traffic signal timing at the intersection of Route 17 and Amory Lane/Wolf Trap Road. He said he will investigate once he receives more detailed information from the citizen.

Other

Mr. Jenkins reported that the deadline to submit nominations for the Governor's Transportation Safety Awards is Friday, March 15. Mr. Green recommended that the Commission nominate Chairman Slaughter.

Chairman Slaughter reminded everyone that the Commission's next meeting will be Monday, June 10.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Timothy C. Cross
Staff Liaison/Secretary

YORK COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD

Minutes of April 11, 2019

6:00 PM

At a meeting of the York County Wetlands Board held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 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: Eric Ancarrow, Chair
Noel West
Diane Short

Staff: Kent Henkel, Engineering Specialist II
Anna Drake, Stormwater Engineer II
Joe Brogan, Chief of Stormwater Programs
Allison Norris-Lay, VMRC

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Eric Ancarrow, Chair.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the February 2019 Wetlands Board minutes were approved by consensus

WETLANDS APPLICATIONS

Application 19-03, VMRC 19-0160, Davis and Associates, (Agent) and Carol Moore, (Estate Trustee): Request to construct a single family residence with yard, bulkhead, and driveway in wetlands along a tidal ditch and the Chesapeake Bay at 112 Dandy View Lane

Anna Drake presented new photographs of the project site and the unauthorized ditch running through property. There was a meeting since the last Wetlands Board meeting on April 5th with the VMRC, Allison Lay and Randy Owen, Donald Davis, Kent Henkel and Anna Drake to discuss the property. They concluded that if property owners can secure the property to prevent the unauthorized maintenance of the ditch, then it is likely the ditch will become clogged with sand and then the wetlands would not be contiguous to mean low water.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Donald Davis, Land Surveyor, came forward to request continuance based on the fact that Carol Moore has, since last meeting, posted no trespassing signs and requested the sheriff's office ride by occasionally to make sure no unauthorized people are on the property continuing to dig the ditch in question. Mr. Davis requested a three-month continuance to July 11th to continue working with County and determine any changes in property at that time.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

Ms. Short moved to continue the application until the July 11, 2019 Wetlands Board meeting to take place at 6:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Public Works Administration Building.

The motion was approved on the following roll call:

Noel West	Yes
Diane Short	Yes
Eric Ancarrow	Yes

Application 19-06, VMRC 19-0270 for RES, (Agent) and Dominion Energy, (Applicant): Request to construct a transmission tower in the tidal wetlands adjacent to Brick Kiln Creek at 3709 Hampton Highway

Anna Drake presented the application, property maps, drawings, and photos.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Katie Arquette from RES, (Agent) addressed the board and discussed how many pilings would be placed and established that it was in Dominion's existing easement.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

The Board opened deliberations.

Ms. Short moved to approve this project:

The application was approved on the following roll call:

Noel West	Yes
Diane Short	Yes
Eric Ancarrow	Yes

The Chair stated the application could be picked up after the required 10-day appeal period.

Application 19-07, VMRC 19-0284 for Mid-Atlantic Resource Consulting, (Agent) and Mark & Christine Mathews, (Property Owners): Request to place beach nourishment and to construct a marsh toe sill and riprap revetment along the shoreline of the Poquoson River at 209 Sylvia Drive

Anna Drake presented the application, property maps, drawings, and revised drawings. The revision added four five-foot windows in the marsh toe sill.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Karla Havens, (Agent) came forward to address the Board. She explained that the property was eroding and owners would like to keep the trees. She presented the proposed revetment and proposed sill.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

The Board opened deliberations.

Mr. West moved to approve this project:

The application was approved on the following roll call:

Diane Short	Yes
Noel West	Yes
Eric Ancarrow	Yes

The Chair informed Ms. Havens and Mr. Mathews that the permit could be picked up after the required 10-day appeal period.

Application 19-09, VMRC 19-0375 for Shoreline Structures, (Agent) and Mr. & Ms. Scott Ashe (Property Owners): Request to place beach nourishment, construct a breakwater, a marsh toe sill and a rock spur along the shoreline of the Poquoson River at 920 Ship Point Road

Anna Drake presented the application, property maps, drawings, and photos. The location of the rock spur, beach nourishment, and current breakwater was discussed. The advice of VIMS was requested because of submerged aquatic vegetation impact. VIMS recommend the breakwater be moved farther in towards land and a *phragmites* control plan.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Jeff Watkins, (Agent) discussed project and amount of erosion. He stated he would provide revised drawings showing the project closer to the shoreline.

Scott Ashe, (Owner) discussed erosion problem.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

The Board opened deliberations and decided to require revised drawings be made a condition of approval. The y also discussed that this project will need a permit from the VMRC.

Ms. Short moved to approve this project with the following conditions:

- Revised drawings to meet the satisfaction of the VMRC and Army Corp of Engineers;
- A *Phragmites* control plan; and
- A planting plan for the tidal wetlands vegetation

The application was approved on the following roll call:

Noel West	Yes
Diane Shore	Yes
Eric Ancarrow	Yes

The Chair told the agent and property owner the permit may be signed in 10 days but work cannot commence on the project until VMRC also issues a permit.

Application 19-12, VMRC 19-0381 for Shoreline Structures, (Agent) and Richard Dixon (Property Owner): Request to place beach nourishment, construct a breakwater, two low profile breakwaters and a rock spur along the shoreline of the York River at 800 Dandy Loop Road

Anna Drake presented the application, property maps, drawings, and photos. Revised drawings were received. There was a site meeting with VMRC and VIMS. VIMS concerns are submerged aquatic vegetation impact and they requested the project to be moved farther in towards land and required a *phragmites* control plan.

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Jeff Watkins, (Agent) came forward and discussed the project with the Board. It was determined that the planting plan will be provided, along with *phragmites* control plan. Any submerged aquatic vegetation will not be covered, and if any revised drawings are necessary to meet VMRC's requirements, then they will also be submitted to the County.

Mr. Dixon, (Owner) discussed loss of 15-feet of shoreline over time and the need for project.

Kenny Green, (Adjacent property owner), came forward and asked how the how the project will affect the canal. The Board explained that the rock spur will actually reduce the siltation of the canal.

The Chair closed the public hearing.

The Board opened deliberations. If drawings are revised, they are to be made condition of approval. Project will also require approval by the VMRC

Mr. West moved to approve this project with the following conditions:

- Revised drawings to meet VMRC's requirements

The application was approved on the following roll call:

Diane Shore	Yes
Noel West	Yes
Eric Ancarrow	Yes

The permit may be signed in 10-days; however, the project cannot proceed until VMRC issues a permit.

EXTENSIONS AND FINALS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

There will be no May meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Eric Ancarrow, Chair

6-13-19
Date