

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
JUNE 14, 2022
MINUTES

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on June 14, 2022 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

Harry Towne – Chairman
George Rew – Vice-Chairman
Albert Fisher
Robert Vanlandingham
Lewis Howard

No one was present online.

Harry Towne, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by George Rew, seconded by Robert Vanlandingham, the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-1052

Robert E. Bolger – to install 166 linear feet of riprap channelward of an existing failing bulkhead along the shoreline of Whays Creek and 232 Boiling Point Drive.

Odis Cockrell, agent for the owner, described the project as a house sitting on a bulkhead that has failed. He noted that there is no chance of a living shoreline.

After consideration, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Albert Fisher seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-0979

Danny Cridlin – to replace a damaged timber groin with an armor stone groin 48' from MHW and to repair and add stone to an existing armor stone groin from the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay and 1 Beach Road.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, said they had a permit to replace the groin. He said the contractor had not done the work after three years. He stated that another contractor became available but did not do timber work so the owner decided to replace the timber with stone.

Harry Towne noted that the project is straight forward.

Jeff Madden asked if the footprint would be increased during the repair of the revetment.

Joseph Scott said it would not. He then requested a 3-year permit.

After consideration, Albert Fisher made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-1055

J. L. Hoover Etals – to rebuild 81 linear feet of existing bulkhead, install 66 linear feet of riprap revetment and to allow a maintenance dredge of existing along the shoreline of Indian Creek and Tax Map Parcel #53-A(2)6-A across from 195 South Drive in Indian Creek Estates.

Harry Towne said the project is straight forward except the location of the spoils site.

Odis Cockrell, agent for the owner, said it is an approved upland site.

Jeff Madden asked the Board if this inlet is manmade or natural.

The Board members agreed that it was manmade.

Jeff Madden noted that he and Odis would research this.

Jeff Madden said the revetment is between MHW and MLW and suggested that a living shoreline be incorporated in this area or could that the revetment be moved upland.

Odis Cockrell said they would have to remove all the trees and there are actual wetlands behind it. “There are three slips and each condo deeded a slip. Someone would have to give up their slip.”

Albert Fisher said, “we have reviewed it closely and this is the most appropriate way to do it.”

Albert Fisher then made a motion to approve the application upon receipt of additional information on the location of the spoils area. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-0982

Little Wicomico Oyster Company and Hacks Neck Farms, LLC – to conduct a dredge of 6,776 cubic yards of dredge material along the shoreline of the Great Wicomico River and 104 Glebe Point Lane.

Claudette Lajoie, agent for the owner, described the project. She noted a revision submitted with an additional 20-foot buffer. She also noted that the spoils material would be placed on the interior of the property to be dried and used to protect the seawall.

Robert Vanlandingham noted that the spoils were the only thing in the Board's jurisdiction.

Albert Fisher asked if the fill material would exceed the height of the seawall.

Claudette Lajoie said it would not be any higher than the fill that is currently being placed there now. She also noted that they wanted to relocate the pier in order to be able to have multiple boats in use at the same time rather than boats waiting in line.

Robert Vanlandingham suggested a 3-year permit.

On a motion by Robert Vanlandingham, seconded by George Rew, the Board unanimously approved the request for 3 years.

Application No. 22-0892

Lance and Jane Thom – to install 295 linear feet of riprap revetment, two 10-foot stone spurs and install 225 linear feet of coir logs along the shoreline of Cockrells Creek and 414 Longstreet Drive.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted a lot of boat traffic and groundwater springs as issues at the site. He said that to do a living shoreline would require significant modification and would require cutting a lot of trees. He stated that the coir logs would protect the existing wetland vegetation.

Albert Fisher noted that what he had there now is working well.

After consideration, George Rew made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Robert Vanlandingham, seconded by Harry Towne, the meeting was adjourned.

