

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
MARCH 14, 2023
MINUTES

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on March 14, 2023 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

Absent

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

Harry Towne, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

Joey Scott and Jeff Madden were connected by Zoom.

On a motion by Albert Fisher, seconded by Lewis Howard, the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-0359

Cowart Properties, LLC – to install 482 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of the Coan River and 755 Lake Landing Drive.

The owner, Lake Cowart, was present.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project and noted that it would be landward of all wetland vegetation.

Albert Fisher asked if a living shoreline was considered on this rugged location.

Craig Palubinski said that it was considered but because of upland improvements it would not be suitable.

Albert Fisher noted that the bank is really high.

A three-year permit was requested.

Robert Vanlandingham then made a motion to approve the application for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-0202

Joseph W. Coxe, IV – to install 70 linear feet of armor stone revetment, refurbish 132 linear feet of an existing revetment and remove four (4) deteriorated groins and replace with four (4) low-profile timber groins varying 30’ to 48’ from MHW along the shoreline of the Yeocomico River and 195 Barn Point Road.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project.

Jeff Madden (online) asked Philip Marston if he considered that the project would impact the jurisdictional beach.

Philip Marston said that the jurisdictional beach would be impacted by the revetment.

Albert Fisher asked if the remains of the jetties would be removed.

Craig Palubinski said the remains would be removed.

A three-year permit was requested.

Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the project for three years. George Rew seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 22-1744

Charlotte M. Deer, Trustee – to install 105 linear feet of armor stone channelward of an existing failing timber bulkhead and replace three (3) existing deteriorating groins with three (3) low-profile timber groins 48’ channelward of MHW along the shoreline of the Potomac River and 885 Virmar Beach Road.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted that this project started with a different agent. He said the property has gotten worse since then and the building is closer to the edge.

Robert Vanlandingham said this place needs it.

Albert Fisher asked if they would be able to put down filter cloth with the stone.

Joseph Scott said that they planned to install filter cloth.

A three-year permit was requested.

Albert Fisher then made a motion to approve the application for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 21-1298

Depue, Jr. & Cheryl Duffey – to install 163 linear feet of riprap revetment channelward of a deteriorated bulkhead and install 68 linear feet of riprap sill along the shoreline of the Coan River and 408 Lake Landing Drive.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted that the project has been modified from last year back to a revetment with a 68 foot sill. He also noted that a living shoreline would not work well there as it would require bank grading.

No concerns were noted.

A three-year permit was requested.

George Rew then made a motion to approve the application for three years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-0240

William J. III & Margaret L. Klein – to install 200 linear feet of marsh sill along the shoreline of Presley Creek and 10 Potomac Drive.

This project has been determined to be a Living Shoreline project and out of the Board's jurisdiction.

Application No. 23-0356

David C. & Vivian R. McGaw – to install 98 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Lodge Creek and 786 Hidden Point Road.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project. He stated that the high bank would require too much grading to create a living shoreline.

No concerns were noted.

A three-year permit was requested.

Lewis Howard then made a motion to approve the application for three years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-0369

David Michalski – to install 243 linear feet of armor stone revetment channelward of an existing timber bulkhead in the footprint of existing scattered riprap revetment along the shoreline of the Potomac River and 3218 Mob Neck Road.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project.

Albert Fisher noted that this is a volatile area.

No concerns were noted.

A three-year permit was requested.

Lewis Howard then made a motion to approve the application for three years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

The Board briefly discussed the option of meeting during office hours. No decision was made.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on a motion by Robert Vanlandingham, seconded by George Rew, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

