

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
JUNE 13, 2023
MINUTES

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on June 13, 2023 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

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

Harry Towne, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by George Rew, seconded by Lewis Howard, the minutes of the May 9, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-0867

James A. Brookshire – to remove an existing deteriorating bulkhead and construct 153 linear feet of bulkhead and portions of return wall in the same alignment along the shoreline of Judith Sound and 211 Judith Sound Circle.

Robert Lewis, agent, described the project.

Harry Towne asked if the bulkhead could be replaced without the loss of a lot of backfill.

Robert Lewis said that he might lose some but not much.

Albert Fisher asked if the owner considered armor stone.

Robert Lewis said, “No, he just wanted to replace the bulkhead.” He stated that the boards at the bottom of the bulkhead are beginning to rot and some of the stringers are in bad shape.

There being no objections, Lewis Howard made a motion to approve the application as submitted for two years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-0881

Neil Cockwill – to install 261 linear feet of marsh toe sill with growth bags along the shoreline of the Great Wicomico River and 97 Knights Run View.

Chris Davis, agent and contractor, described the project.

Harry Towne stated that this sounds like a good project.

There being no objections, Albert Fisher made a motion to approve the application as submitted for two years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-1141

Richard L. & Jill M. Day – to refurbish 120 linear feet of riprap revetment channelward of an existing timber bulkhead, remove a deteriorated timber bulkhead and collapsed concrete boat ramp; to construct a 40-foot replacement timber bulkhead in same alignment and construct a 36-foot low-profile timber groin along and from the shoreline of the Little Wicomico River and 738 Bridge Creek Circle.

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

A three-year permit was requested.

There being no objections, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted for two years. George Rew seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-0288

Chris Gepford – to install 200 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Flag Pond and 149 Davis Way in Northumberland Plantation.

Claudette Lajoie, agent for the owner, described the project.

Robert Vanlandingham stated that there is a lot of grass there.

Jeff Madden asked for further explanation of the design of the project.

Claudette Lajoie described the hook of the riprap which will protect the vegetation.

Albert Fisher noted that the bank is soft and needs to be stabilized.

There being no objections, Albert Fisher made a motion to approve the application for two years upon receipt of a revised drawing. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-0184

Gary Kohler – to extend an existing rock jetty with fender piles, construct a breakwater with fender piles and install 370 linear feet of armor stone around existing low-profile timber groins along the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay and Gaskins Pond and 794 Gaskins Beach Road.

Claudette Lajoie, agent for the owner, described the project and requested a 3-year permit.

There being no objections, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-1004

David B. Royle – to install 646 linear feet of riprap sill and 45 linear feet of revetment along the shoreline of Lodge Creek and 330 Tucker Point Lane.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project and requested a 3-year permit.

Albert Fisher asked if the work would be done all at once or in stages as it is so long.

Craig Palubinski said that it would be done in stages. The plantings would be done April through June.

There being no objections, Albert Fisher made a motion to approve the application for three years. Lewis Howard seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-1024

Otis T. & Darla J. Williamson – to install 30 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Indian Creek and 512 E Fairway Drive.

O. T. Williamson, owner, was present.

Karla Havens, agent for the owner, described the project.

There being no objections, George Rew made a motion to approve the application for two years. Robert Vanlandingham 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 George Rew, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

