

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023  
MINUTES**

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on September 12, 2023 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

Harry Towne – Chairman  
George Rew – Vice Chairman  
Albert Fisher

Absent

Robert Vanlandingham  
Lewis Howard

Harry Towne, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by George Rew, seconded by Albert Fisher, the minutes of the August 8, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Application No. 23-1709**

Walter Lynch – to install 295 linear feet of riprap sill and install 82 linear feet of riprap revetment to replace an existing bulkhead and install 37 feet of new riprap revetment along the shoreline of Wilkins Creek and Tax Map Parcel #2-(1)-89 on Mundy Point Road.

Robert Lewis, agent for the owner, described the project.

No concerns were noted.

A three-year permit was requested.

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

**Application No. 23-1783**

Zapata Haynie Corporation – Omega Protein, Inc. – to construct a 194 linear foot replacement timber bulkhead, replace existing wharf in the same footprint and for additional channelward encroachment of a permitted timber bulkhead along the shoreline of Cockrell Creek and 610 Menhaden Road.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted that the adjusted alignment that was created during construction under a previous permit was done to avoid debris. He also noted that the area had no vegetation that could be disturbed.

Andy Hall, General Manager of Omega, said he believed that this area was under roof at one time.

Jeff Madden reminded the Board that they must consider civil charges.

Albert Fisher said it is obvious the project needed to be done as well as needed for the welfare of those who work there. "Of course, there is concern about projects that are not completely permitted." He asked Craig if this was discovered when he was doing the drawings.

Craig Palubinski said he went to the site to verify any changes and that is when he discovered the changes.

Albert Fisher asked, "then you self-reported?"

Craig Palubinski said that he did.

Harry Towne noted that as the shoreline was already hardened and it would serve no purpose to impose a civil fine. The Board members agreed.

A three-year permit was requested.

There being no objections, Albert Fisher made a motion to approve the application with no civil penalty for three years. George Rew seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

### **Application No. 23-1698**

Patrick Metcalf - to conduct a dredge of 700 cubic yards and install the sand landward of the existing breakwater and to make improvements to an existing rock groin and breakwater along the shoreline of Taskmaker Creek and 672 Taskmaker Lane.

At the request of the agent, Claudette Lajoie, the Board tabled the request until the October 10, 2023 meeting

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

