

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
FEBRUARY 13, 2024
MINUTES**

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on February 13, 2024 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

Absent

George Rew – Vice Chairman
Albert Fisher
Robert Vanlandingham

Lewis Howard

George Rew, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by Albert Fisher, seconded by Robert Vanlandingham, the minutes of the December 12, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Robert Vanlandingham, seconded by Albert Fisher, Lewis Howard was elected Chairman and Albert Fisher was elected Vice-Chairman.

Application No. 23-2658

David Godwin & Carol Buchman – to install 85 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Cockrells Creek and 557 Main Street in Reedville.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted that offshore it falls off quickly therefore a living shoreline would not be possible. He requested a three-year permit.

Albert Fisher noted that this is no place for a living shoreline.

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

Application No. 23-2721

Walter E. Lynch – to remove an existing bulkhead and install 35 linear feet of riprap revetment and install 240 linear feet of riprap sill along the shoreline of Wilkins Creek and 2087 Mundy Point Road.

Robert Lewis, agent for the owner, described the project. He then requested a three-year permit.

After review of the project, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application for three years. Albert Fisher seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved

Application No. 23-2758

R. Scott Tidey, et al – to install 90 linear feet of riprap revetment, install 120 linear feet of riprap sill and install a low-profile riprap groin 48 feet from MHW along the shoreline of Indian Creek and 180 Waterbury Road.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, was present and described the project. He then requested a three-year permit.

Albert Fisher noted that it was more volatile there than he thought.

After review of the project, Albert Fisher made a motion to approve the application for three years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 23-2878

Gregory & Kim Blackwell – to install 40', 50' and 60' armor stone spurs and to install 50' and 60' armor stone groins from the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay and 1040 Tranquility Road.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, was present and described the project. He then requested a three-year permit.

George Rew said he needs all he can get there.

Albert Fisher said it is very volatile there and noted existing groins in the area.

After review of the project, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application for three years. Albert Fisher seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-0070

Montgomery & Mary Deihl – to install 135 linear feet of armor stone revetment along the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay and 137 Fleeton Point Circle.

On-line: Roger McKinley, agent for the owner, described the project.

Philip Marston informed the Board that an adjoining property owner said she was not notified.

Jeff Madden said if the notices were sent out and it was advertised in the newspapers, it would not encumber the Board.

Albert Fisher asked if a living shoreline was considered.

Roger McKinley said, “that is pretty much what we did. The rock is channelward of MLW with sand fill in one area. The only things missing are the planting and the fill but there was so much vegetation along the shoreline I didn’t feel that was necessary”

Jeff Madden suggested that they could use plugs to plant the area and move the spur approximately 5 feet.

There being no objections, Albert Fisher made a motion to approve the application in modified form for three years upon receipt of additional drawings. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Roger McKinley asked about an extension to project #2021-0097. He was informed that the project was above MHW and not in the Board’s jurisdiction.

Application No. 23-2766

John M. & Carol A. Kost – to construct 132 linear feet, including return walls, of timber bulkhead along the shoreline of Hull Creek and 808 Hull Harbor Road.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted that a living shoreline would not work there. He then requested a three-year permit.

Albert Fisher agreed and said that the bank is really steep there. He said that this is a good project.

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

Application No. 23-2798

Paul E. Buchanan & Patricia D. Flannery – to install 144 linear feet of riprap revetment channelward of an existing deteriorated bulkhead along the shoreline of Cornish Creek and 358 Barn Point Road.

Craig Palubinski, agent for the owner, described the project. He requested a three-year permit.

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

Application No. 23-2870

TIG Advisors, LP – to repair an existing timber bulkhead and install armor stone protection and to add armor stone protection for two (2) existing timber groins along the shoreline of the Potomac River and 356 Devils Wood Yard Road.

Claudette Lajoie, agent for the owner, described the project and noted the revisions.

Robert Vanlandingham stated that it is needed. "It's almost in the water."

Albert Fisher said the spray was getting on the porch.

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

Application No. 23-2312

Northern Neck Land Conservancy – to construct a community pier/bridge from the shoreline of Ball Creek and 726 Ball Creek to 816 Ball Lane.

Lisa Biever, Executive Director, described the project and noted that the additional information requested had been submitted.

Jeff Madden asked if all of the Board Members had been to the site to access the impacts.

All Board Members said they visited the site.

Robert Vanlandingham said he didn't think it would hurt and the public will benefit.

There being no objections, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Albert Fisher 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.

Claudette Lajoie, agent for the owner, described the project. She stated that the project has been revised at the suggestion of VIMS.

Jeff Madden asked if any sand would be removed above MLW. Claudette Lajoie described the area to be removed and said it will be reduced to 600 cubic yards of sand removal.

There being no objections, Albert Fisher made a motion to approve the application as revised (recognizing there are trade-offs in the application) for three 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 Albert Fisher seconded by Robert Vanlandingham, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn.

