NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD DECEMBER 10, 2024 MINUTES

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on December 10, 2024 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

Absent

Albert Fisher – Vice-Chairman Spencer Headley – Acting Chairman George Rew Robert Vanlandingham

Albert Fisher, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order.

On a motion by George Rew, seconded by Robert Vanlandingham, the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-2569

Liza Cash – to install 110 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Cubitt Creek and 182 Magnolia Lane.

Roger McKinley, agent for the owner, described the project. He said that a living shoreline was considered but she is trying to save the two pine trees and there are other trees there and shading the area and we felt the revetment would help much better.

Albert Fisher notes that it would take right much grading, almost to the house.

After review of the project, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application for 3 years. George Rew seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-2674

Leslie A. Goodrich – to install 140 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Owens Pond and 258 Oyster Bay Road.

Lee Bowles, agent for the owner, described the project. He stated that a living shoreline would not work due to the easterly wind, the jet skis and boats causing erosion.

Jeff Madden asked if most of the tree cover would remain.

Lee Bowles said that it would and agreed it would be another reason to not install a living shoreline.

After review of the project and there being no objections, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application for three years. George Rew seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-2621

Steven and Mariana Morris – to construct 150 linear feet of vinyl bulkhead and install 243 linear feet of riprap sill along the shoreline of Lodge Creek and 158 Butlers Lane.

Craig Palubinski, agent, described the project and explained that the bank was approximately 16 feet tall and that the drain field was about 40 feet from the edge. He said this would not allow a living shoreline there. He said a sill is planned around the marsh areas where the bank is not as high and it is more protected.

Albert Fisher and George Rew agreed that it is a well thought out plan.

After review of the project and there being no objections, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. George Rew seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-2662

Edward L. & Joy J. Norris Trustees. – to construct 186 linear feet of timber bulkhead channelward of an existing bulkhead along the shoreline of Bridge Creek and 34 Water View Lane.

Lee Bowles, agent for the owner, described the project.

George Rew and Robert Vanlandingham agreed that they saw no problems with the project.

Jeff Madden asked if a revetment was considered.

Lee Bowles said they didn't like to put rock in there as they will roll and get all over the place.

After review of the project and there being no objections, George Rew made a motion to approve the application as submitted for three years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-2516

Stuart P. Tansill. – to install 111 linear feet of riprap revetment channelward of a deteriorating bulkhead along the shoreline of Whays Creek 250 Lucom Point Drive.

Roger McKinley, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted that there is a steep bank with a failing bulkhead.

Albert Fisher asked if a living shoreline was considered.

Roger McKinley said it did not seem appropriate.

After review of the project and there being no objections, Robert Vanlandingham made a motion to approve the application for three years. Albert Fisher seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Other Business

The Board then heard the Mark Hogan project (VMRC #24-2312) which was held over from the November meeting.

The Board discussed the VIMS report to determine the needed revisions and to determine if a civil fine would be required.

After review of the VIMS report and there being no objections to the proposed revisions, Albert Fisher made a motion to approve the project with plantings in the SE triangle, a saddle under the pier and no civil fees to be applied as the work that was done without a permit was self-reported. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board approved unanimously.

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