

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY WETLANDS BOARD
JUNE 11, 2024
MINUTES

At the regular monthly meeting of the Northumberland County Wetlands Board held on June 11, 2024 in the Sheriff's Office in Heathsville, Virginia at 7:00 PM:

Present

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

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

On a motion by Spencer Headley, seconded by Robert Vanlandingham, the minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-1165

Jarvis Creek Dredge Nonstock Corp. – to conduct a dredge of 24,300 square feet along the shoreline of Jarvis Creek and Windy Lane.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project as a maintenance dredge. He stated that the spoils would be used to replenish the beach areas owned by the Kelley's. He noted that a revision of the disposal site had been submitted.

Jeff Madden stated that VMRC is not amenable to allowing the spoils to be placed beyond MLW. He explained that it would create a land grab. He suggested that the county have the disposal area staked and inspected. He then asked Joseph Scott if the dredge areas are emerging.

Joseph Scott said, "No". He stated that it is six inches below the low water line.

There was a brief discussion regarding the area in which the spoils could be deposited while avoiding any wetland vegetation.

Albert Fisher asked how the spoils would be moved to the disposal site.

Joseph Scott said the plan is to move the spoils by a barge then offload and move it by machine across the beach.

Albert Fisher asked if the wetlands can be avoided there.

Joseph Scott said, “Yes.”

Robert Vanlandingham noted that this area needs to be kept open so the property owners can use their boats.

Spencer Headley then made a motion to approve the application with the spoils disposal area at the site to be staked, inspected and approved by county staff to avoid wetland impacts for three years. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-1125

Eugene E. Lepley – to install 162 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of Hack Creek and 96 Blue Heron Court.

Roger McKinley, agent for the owner, described the project.

Albert Fisher asked if a living shoreline was considered.

Roger McKinley said the 130-foot section is covered with trees and is shaded. He stated that the 32-foot section could be done but the owner wants to clean up the bank to look more presentable.

Albert Fisher noted that there is a heavy marsh.

Roger McKinley stated that it would be difficult in some areas to stay out of the marsh if you go out more than a foot or two.

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. 24-1227

Paul D. O’Keefe – to construct 60 linear feet of timber bulkhead along the shoreline of Cockrells Creek and Tax Map Parcel #38-B(1)-47 on Main Street in Reedville.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project. He noted that a living shoreline would be difficult due to the structure on the left and the water depth falls off quickly. He also noted that it drops off quickly and stated that this would create less grading of the bank. “It would be very difficult to cultivate a vegetated buffer there.

Spencer Headley said he is familiar with this area and I think a bulkhead would be good as there is some traffic there.

Albert Fisher agreed.

Joseph Scott noted that the marsh grass is drowning as the water seems to be staying on it all the time.

After review of the project and there being no objections, George Rew made a motion to approve the application. Spencer Headley seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Application No. 24-1170

Paul Zook. – to install 15 linear feet of riprap revetment along the shoreline of the Great Wicomico River and 1295 Fox Point Road.

Joseph Scott, agent for the owner, described the project and noted that the last revetment was stopped short.

After review of the project and there being no objections, Spencer Headley made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Robert Vanlandingham seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved.

Other Business

It was noted that the request for an extension from Bingham Jones for Countryside Corporation (VMRC 21-1996) would not be heard as the changes requested would require a new application.

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.

