

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
WETLANDS BOARD**

Minutes
July 15, 2015

This was the regular meeting of the Northampton County Wetlands Board held on Wednesday, July 15, 2015, in the Board Chambers located at 16404 Courthouse Road in Eastville, Virginia for the purpose of conducting regular business.

Those members present were Chair, Marshall Cox, John Chubb, Jr and William Brown, II., David Boyd and Dot Field. Those members absent were Bowdoin Lusk and Nancy Wells Drury

Also attending were Melissa Kellam, Zoning Administrator and Agent to the Board Chair; Kelley Lewis, Development Inspector and Nyoka Hall, Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., and a quorum was established.

Minutes – The Minutes of the May 20th, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted with a motion from Mr. Boyd and a second from Mrs. Field. The motion carried with all in favor (5-0).

Old Business

All those wishing to speak at today's meeting were sworn in by the Chair.

Ms. Kellam read the public notice into the record.

VMRC 2015-0440: James A. Kelly, IV wishes to repair and expand an existing wharf/pier. The wharf area will now consist of a 40-foot long by 5-foot wide walkway, the existing 146-foot long by 4-foot wide T-head, a 101-foot long by 5-foot wide platform channelward of the existing T-head, a 60-foot by 18-foot platform landward of the T-head, two (2) boat slips with mooring poles, and intake and outfall pipes to support aquaculture upwellers and a water pump situated adjacent to the property along Nassawadox Creek. The property is located at 5489 Bayford Road, in Bayford and described as Tax Map 19, double circle A, parcel 28.

Chairman Cox opened the floor to the public for comments. The applicant Mr. James A. Kelly, was present and stated that he would answer any questions the Board may have regarding the proposed project. No one else was present to speak in support of or against the application and there were no questions from the Board.

Chairman Cox then closed the floor. There was brief discussion after which Mr. Chubb motioned that the application be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried with all in favor (5-0).

New Business

- a. The Board was informed via memo of Mr. Bowdoin Lusk's reappointment to the Wetlands Board
- b. The Draft Group 1 Living Shoreline General Permit – All members present had reviewed the draft and put forth the following comments to VMRC: 1) The Wetlands Board be provided a copy of all living shoreline applications submitted for Northampton County 2) The Wetlands Board receive notification of completion and monitoring report at the end of first full growing season following planting 3) If the Board approves an application that the VMRC chairman disapproves, what is the next step?. It was then decided that the Board would also modify their policy to require notification at the completion of the project and a brief monitoring report be provided in addition to staff developing an inspection schedule. The Chairman requested staff to draft the policy addendums and make available for review at the next Wetlands Board meeting. Staff will also copy the Wetlands Board on all comments sent to VMRC via e-mail.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Chair

Secretary