

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY
WETLANDS BOARD**
Minutes
November 20, 2013

This was the regular meeting of the Northampton County Wetlands Board held on Wednesday, November 20, 2013, 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, Nancy Wells Drury, Will Brown, , Jr., Dot Field, Vice-Chair Bowdoin Lusk and John Chubb, Jr.

Also attending were Hank Badger with the Va. Marine Resources Commission (VMRC); Melissa Kellam, Zoning Administrator and Agent to the Board Chair; and Kelley Lewis, County Development Inspector.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m., and a quorum established.

It is noted for the record that Board members and Ms. Lewis had conducted a field inspection of the Chubb property prior to the meeting today.

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

Public Hearing

It is noted for the record that Mr. Chubb excused himself from the Board since he and his wife were the applicants in the public hearing application.

VMRC 2013-1337: John & Ivette Chubb have applied to repair an existing stabilized shoreline by adding filter cloth and stone riprap on top of 32 feet of failing miscellaneous debris at the south end. Along 165 feet of failing Petraflex molded concrete matting: use existing concrete toe slabs to anchor Class II riprap armor stone to be placed on top of Petraflex removing bottom course(s) of concrete matting as necessary to provide adequate tie to toe. The footprint of the existing structure will not be changed. The property is located on the north side of Barlow Creek and the Chesapeake Bay at 3406 Barlow Creek Lane and is described as Tax Map 47, double circle A, parcel 26.

Ms. Kellam noted that a Decision Tree was provided by staff and staff comments are as follows.

Re: Project Summary – VMRC #2013-1337 Chubb

The “Decision Tree for Existing Revetments” will be used to provide recommendations for this project. The decision tree is attached and the analysis shows one pathway highlighted in pink. The pathway recommends the applicant to consider if the revetment is actually needed at this location; if not, consider removing it; and if so, clean, consolidate and cap or replace rubble with stone over filter cloth. The project is consistent with the decision tree. The applicant has chosen to repair the existing revetment. This decision tree is also included with your project summary.

Mr. Chubb noted that there were two paths to follow on the Decision Tree. Both result in repair of the revetment. He also noted that he does not intend to interfere with any wetland vegetation. When asked by Mr. Badger, Mr. Chubb noted that there are some weeds among the rock, but no wetland vegetation.

The Chair called for public comments. There being none the hearing was closed.

Mr. Lusk stated that he had no issues with the application as submitted.

Action:

Ms. Drury stated that all the guidelines have been followed and moved that the application be approved as submitted. Second was made by Mr. Lusk and the motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Statements from the public: none.

Old Business: none.

New Business

Ms. Kellam reported that one new application will be scheduled for the December meeting.

Consideration of Minutes

The minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved with corrections. On page 1 in the second paragraph Mr. Lusk and Mr. Chubb should be noted as being absent. Also, Mr. Lusk's name should be removed as making the second to approve the July minutes on page 3. Motion to approve as corrected was made by Mr. Lusk and second by Mr. Brown.

Adjournment

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Chair

Secretary