



King George County Wetlands Board

June 22, 2023

The King George County Wetlands Board Meeting (KGCWB) was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairman Thomas Kramer in the Board Room of the Revercomb Building, located at 10459 Courthouse Drive, King George County, Virginia 22485.

Staff Present : Alexis Butchers, Environmental Inspector

KGCWB Members Present : Thomas Kramer, Chairman
James Johnson, Vice Chairman
Steve Collignon

KGCWB Members Not Present: Taylor Courtney
Stuart A. Ashton, Jr

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Kramer asked for the approval of minutes from the KGCWB meeting on January 26, 2023. Vice Chairman Johnson made a motion for approval of the minutes as presented. Chairman Kramer asked for a second. Mr. Collignon seconded the motion. All in favor? Chairman Kramer, aye; Vice Chairman Johnson, aye; Mr. Collignon, aye.

Public Hearing:

Chairman Kramer stated there were public hearings for two permits, VMRC# 22-2225, and VMRC# 2023-0460.

VMRC# 22-2225 : Requested by Dora Beckham to remove and replace two boat ramps, install 517 linear feet of riprap revetment, and install two groins for channel protection at the Waugh Point Marina.

Wayne Savage from Bayshore Designs spoke first in regard to the Waugh Point Marina. Mr. Savage stated the project is for the repair of the Waugh Point Marina. Mr. Savage discussed the dredging for the existing marina and the repair to the marina basin to secure

the side slopes due to erosion. Mr. Savage stated the original plan was to have a bulkhead that you typically see around marinas but to keep the vegetation they have brought everything back to protect the existing vegetation. They will be dredging the basin of the Marina and two rock groins that are going to go out to the channel to add depth to get traffic into the marina. They will be dredging out to a 3-foot depth out into the creek.

Mr. Savage stated he believes that this is a straightforward project and they have been going through this process for about a year or two. Mr. Savage stated they have gone through several revisions with VMRC, VIMS, the County, and Corp of Engineers and have been doing their best to comply. Mr. Savage stated he is open to any questions.

Chairman Kramer asked if anyone had any comments.

Samantha Patty (Beckham) introduced herself as the granddaughter of the original owners of the marina, Martha and Charles Beckham. Mrs. Patty stated her grandparents built the marina in 1942 and gave a brief history of the marina. Mrs. Patty stated there was a period of time when the marina was neglected but the family is ready to make the needed improvements for the community to be able to keep boats there and enjoy the creek.

Gill James, owner of Fairview Beach Marina Powersports, introduced himself. Mr. James stated that some of his customers use the Waugh Point Marina, and it is imperative to get the permits passed to maintain and keep this vital artery to the Potomac River open. Mr. James stated there are only a few marinas in the county and that the waterman and citizens rely on the marinas to maintain their operability. When they silt in, maintenance needs to be done to allow them to operate. Especially for commercial traffic to be able to get equipment in and out of the river. Mr. James stated it is important to keep the marinas open for the livelihood of the owners and waterman. Mr. James expressed his support for the project and hopes the KGCWB will also support the project.

Chairman Kramer closed public session and asked the KGCWB if they have any questions or comments.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked about the floatation devices being installed and if they were puncture proof.

Mr. Savage stated they are and are a standard from the manufacturer.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked if they will be hollow or filled with anything.

Mr. Savage stated they are hollow and explained what the floating docks are and are made of. Mr. Savage stated the floating docks have a 75-100 year lifespan whereas a fixed dock has a life span of 20-25 years.

Vice Chairman Johnson thanked Mr. Savage and stated he has answered all of his questions.

Chairman Kramer asked if anyone else has a questions or comment.

Chairman Kramer stated the only comment he had was the existing dock at the Waugh Point Marina has had a lifespan longer than 20-25 years.

Mr. Savage explained with the project being with a more freshwater system that the life span can be as long as 30-35 years compared to docks in more of a saltwater system like the Rappahannock River. Mr. Savage stated that the current docks at the marina are well beyond their lifespan and showing it.

Chairman Kramer stated he liked the floating dock concept. Stated has not been out to the marina in about 25 years and it is just like it was. Chairman Kramer stated the wetlands seem to be doing pretty well and does not look like there has been any disturbance. Chairman Kramer stated he would be proud to say it is one of the best marinas around.

Chairman Kramer asked for any other comments.

Chairman Kramer asked for a motion for VMRC# 22-2225.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated he moved to approve VMRC# 22-2225.

Mr. Madden asked how long to approve the permit for.

Chairman Kramer stated they are typically one year.

Mr. Madden stated that some jurisdictions allow for an extension of up to 3 years.

Chairman Kramer asked the application how long they needed.

Mr. Savage explained how the project would be done in phases and could take up to 5 years. The longest time possible would be ideal.

Mr. Madden explained the permitting process.

Vice Chairman Johnson amended his motion to approve the permit for 5 years from the meeting date.

Chairman Kramer asked for a second.

Mr. Collignon motioned for a second.

Chairman Kramer asked for all in favor?

Chairman Kramer, aye; Vice Chairman Johnson, aye; Mr. Collignon, aye.

VMRC# 23-0460: Requested by Mark Mozingo to install 48-foot stone groin downstream from the installation of a new dock.

Jim Beck introduced himself and stated he was representing the Mozingos. Mr. Beck stated they are requesting to stabilize 224 linear ft of shoreline, groin, and then revegetate the slope.

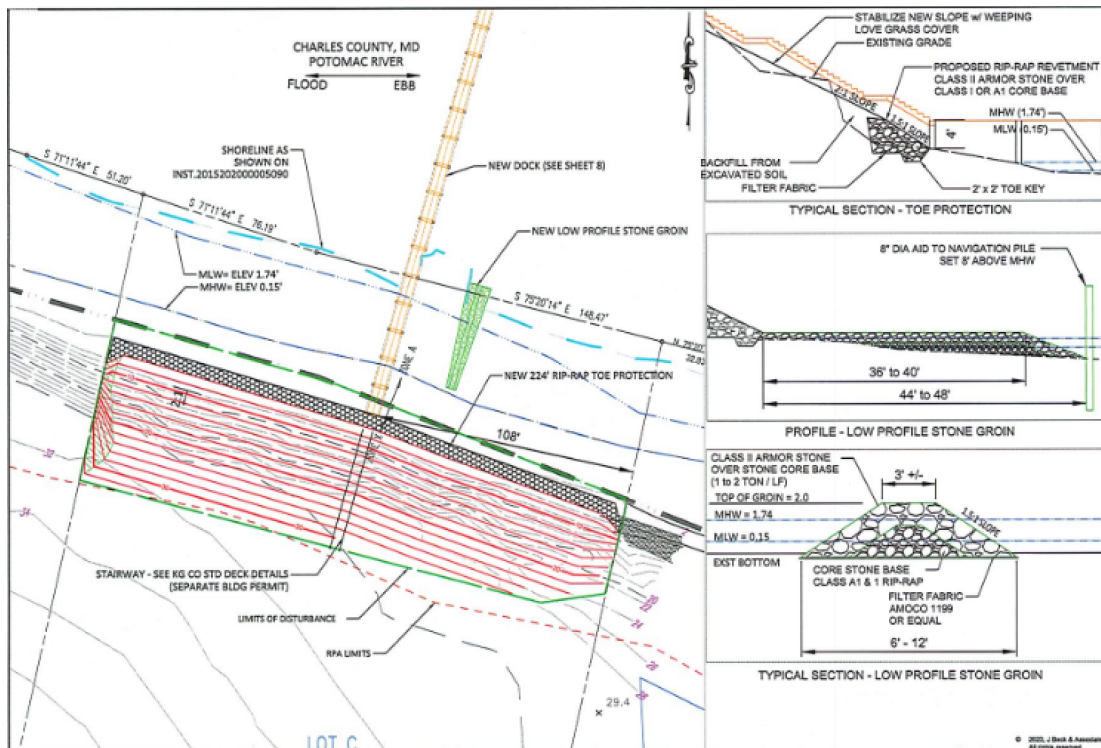
Chairman Kramer opened public comment. No public comment.

Chairman Kramer closed public comment.

Chairman Kramer opened questions and comments from the KGCWB.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked questions about the way the groin is laid out from the site plan included in the KGCWB packet and if it was included in the permit application.

Mr. Beck explained the site plan diagram.



Discussion opened with the KGCWB and Mr. Beck about the groin.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked Ms. Butchers if the jurisdiction is as far back as proposed riprap.

Ms. Butchers stated yes.

Mr. Madden stated King George County adopted the Dunes Ordinance, Chapter 14 in the Code of Virginia. The code extends the Wetlands Board jurisdiction. Mr. Madden explained the code section. Mr. Madden stated that we believe this is a jurisdictional beach to the cliff face. Mr. Madden explained the approval or denial procedure for the amount of KGCWB members present. If the decision is split, that makes the project

denied automatically. The decision has to be unanimous for approval. The decision can be tabled if KGCWB still has questions about the project. KGCWB just has to state they will make a decision at the next meeting. There has to be a time frame.

Mr. Madden asked for any questions.

Mr. Kramer asked if Mr. Madden had gone out to the site and if he had sent a report. Mr. Madden stated he has gone out to the site and he has not sent a report.

Mr. Kramer stated he is uneasy about the project and would like this to be looked at by someone else.

Mr. Beck stated they could have someone come out and look at the site and explained how they handled a previous project a few years back.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated he would like to see a more extensive drawing. Vice Chairman Johnson explained his history of working on the water and seeing the preparations made to save a lot of the land from hurricanes, etc. and this is why he would like to see the more extensive drawing.

Mr. Collignon asked if there was a reason the groin was extended out so far.

Mr. Beck explained the intent was to get it beyond the means of the waterline. Have it pushed out to improve sand in the area. It is a low-profile groin. Mr. Beck stated a lot of groins in the area are very effective.

¹Mr. Collignon asked again stating that traditionally the groin is attached to the wall.

Mr. Beck stated that in most of these projects the mean high water is closer to cliff face. Mr. Beck explained that there is still a beach in that area with high tide and the main cause of erosion and cliff failing has to do more with free stall ground water and basin cliff than the river. This beach is usually exposed and the cliff face is not getting by waves on a daily basis. It is during storms. The intent is to creep sand in the area.

Mr. Collignon stated he can see that it has a wide band and that it must be very flat out there. It is a wide length for your low and high-water band. Mr. Collignon also stated that the pier is extended out and if a nor'easter comes it is going to hit the groin and blow between the wall.

Mr. Beck agreed and added that it will hammer the riprap and shore protection.

¹ It was the consensus at the August 24, 2023 KGCWB meeting to amend the meeting minutes.

Mr. Collignon asked if it was a matter of saving money.

Mr. Beck stated no that he would have no problem extending it back.

Mr. Collignon asked if the goal for the groin was to create additional sand for the protection of the pier.

Mr. Beck stated yes and they initially wanted to put at the property line.

Mr. Collignon stated it would cause erosion downstream.

Mr. Beck agreed and stated that the Adrian groin and other groins in that area are already in place.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated there was 3 in that area.

Mr. Beck stated yes and the intent was to creep some sand and keep the beach in place.²

Mr. Beck asked if the KGCWB would like to approve with the understanding of having the groin go back to toe protection or have them get more information from other agencies.

Vice Chairman Johnson stated he would like to have something in writing before approval. That way there is no question.

Chairman Kramer asked about more information about tabling the decision for VMRC # 23-0460.

Mr. Madden briefly explained the options regarding tabling and what other jurisdictions have done.

A brief discussion started in regard to tabling the decision and the request made for the site visit.

Chairman Kramer asked for a motion to table the decision until after the site visit.

Vice Chairman Johnson made a motion to table the decision until after the site visit for VMRC # 23-0460.

Chairman Kramer asked for a second.

² End of the addition to the KGCWB meeting minutes.

Mr. Collignon seconded the motion.

All in Favor? Chairman Kramer, aye; Vice Chairman Kramer, aye; Mr. Collignon, aye.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment:

Chairman Kramer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vice Chairman Johnson made the motion to adjourn the KGCWB meeting.

Mr. Collignon seconded the motion.

All in favor? Chairman Kramer, aye; Vice Chairman Kramer, aye; Mr. Collignon, aye.

KGCWB meeting adjourned at 7:11pm.