



**NEW KENT COUNTY
WETLANDS/BEACHES & CHESAPEAKE BAY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018 AT 6:00 PM
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING BOARD ROOM
MINUTES**

A MEETING OF THE NEW KENT COUNTY CHESAPEAKE BAY PRESERVATION BOARD WAS HELD ON THE 1ST DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN IN THE BOARDROOM OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN NEW KENT, VIRGINIA, AT 6:00 P.M.

IN RE: ROLL CALL

Attendance:

Mr. Julian Ward	Present
Ms. Jean Street	Absent
Mr. Lyle Gleason	Absent
Mr. John Bragg	Present
Mr. Wakie Howard	Present
Ms. Sarah Richardson	Absent <i>Arrived at 6:22PM</i>

Also present:

Mr. Justin Stauder, Director of Environmental
Mrs. Gail Carey, Administrative Assistant, Environmental Department
Ms. Jennifer Johnson, Stantec
Dominion Energy Representative
Ms. Isabell A. White, Adjacent Property Owner

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM and a quorum was established.

IN RE: DECLARATION OF POLICY FROM THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA

Chairman Bragg read the Declaration of Policy from the laws of Virginia relating to the Marine Resources of Virginia and the New Kent County Code relating to Chesapeake Bay regulations.

IN RE: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Stauder opened the nominations for 2018 Chair. A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Ward to nominate Mr. Bragg as the 2018 Chair of the Wetlands/Beaches and Chesapeake Bay Board. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Howard and seconded by Mr. Bragg to nominate Mr. Ward as the 2018 Vice-Chair of the Wetlands/Beaches and Chesapeake Bay Board. The motion passed unanimously.

IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Howard to approve the July 12, 2017 minutes. The Board members were polled and the motion was passed.

IN RE: NEW BUSINESS VMRC 2018-0019

Application **VMRC 2018-0019**: Mr. Stauder presented his staff report on application VMRC 2018-0019, submitted by Virginia Electric and Power Company, to provide foundation repair on five (5) transmission line support structures located off of the Pamunkey River, at Tax Map parcel 28-4, GPIN L31-1973-3554.

The applicant has five transmission line towers in need of repair to maintain continued use. Applicant is proposing to restore structural integrity to the towers and complete restoration of any affected areas due to construction activities.

The site is accessed from Route 33, approximately 1500 feet south of Eltham Bridge. Construction access to transmission lines are through deeded access from Route 33 and barge access from Pamunkey River. The proposed use is subject to the jurisdiction of Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and New Kent County Wetland/Beaches and Chesapeake Bay Board. Temporary impact of tidal wetlands jurisdictional to New Kent County Wetlands Board will be impacted by this proposal. As proposed, no permanent impacts to jurisdictional areas are anticipated; however, project will result in

temporary impacts to 995 square feet (SF) of tidal wetlands and 285 SF to tidal stream channel for foundation maintenance and repair. Access to transmission towers will result in encroachment over 118 linear feet of state owned subaqueous bottom.

The proposal entails foundation repairs on five (5) transmission towers (#69-73), accessed through ROA via weight displacing matting and/or barge access. The proposed work schedule will be conducted one tower at a time, with approximately one month of work at each tower. Areas affected by excavation and temporary construction activity will be returned to pre-construction contours and re-vegetated. Adjacent areas will be protected from sedimentation by means of soil stockpiles located on the temporary construction matting, encompassed with filter fabric, as well as dewatering operations which discharge effluent through adequate filtering devices. All stockpiles will be stored above the mean high water (MHW) line where applicable to prevent erosion due to high tide.

The mat system to be utilized is known as Type III. Forty-foot crossbars are placed perpendicular to traffic flow, while 14-foot runners are placed on top for access. Matting will be anchored in case of a major storm or flooding event. At all tidal stream crossing the runners will either bridge the stream channel or be affixed to pontoons, allowing the bridge to rise and fall with the tide.

Equipment used during construction will be clean and washed prior to entering the worksite, and the temporary matting proposed will be certified as 'free from invasive' to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species.

Site restoration will be returned to pre-construction contours and any denuded areas at elevations suited for vegetation will be revegetated by sprigging with smooth cordgrass (*Spartina alterniflora*).

Shoreline and grading work, if necessary, along the bank will be addressed during the construction plan phase.

Ms. Johnson provided slideshow of the five (5) towers included in the project and reiterated Mr. Stauder's comments regarding the proposed work.

Mr. Bragg inquired about the location of cleaning the mats.

Ms. Johnson replied that she was unsure at the present time and would need to confirm with the contractor.

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:22PM.

Ms. Isabel A. White expressed her concerns to the Wetlands Board regarding the mat locations, as well as the deeded right of way.

Mr. Bragg encouraged Ms. White to speak with Ms. Johnson prior to leaving the meeting. Mr. Bragg also mentioned that reclamation standards will be place as per state law and what VIMS proposed.

As there were no other citizens who wished to speak during this time, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:25PM.

Mr. Owen mentioned to the Wetlands Board that VIMS prepared a report, which included comments about a site visit during the construction phase. This VIMS report was provided to each Wetlands Board member.

Mrs. Richardson inquired if the items of action that were mentioned in the VIMS report would occur, such as sprigging.

Mr. Stauder confirmed to Mrs. Richardson that action items were also included in the Stantec report and requested for Ms. Johnson to elaborate further.

Ms. Johnson stated to the Board in areas suitable for vegetation, sprigging will be staked in place.

Mr. Stauder confirmed to Mr. Bragg that the county will approve vegetation plantings.

Mr. Bragg made a motion for the Wetlands Board to approve application VMRC 2018-0019 pursuant to standards of the other regulatory agencies. Whenever one of the regulatory agencies are in conflict, the stricter of the agencies requirements will be in place. Also, additional plantings, any erosion and soil requirements shall be provided to New Kent County Environmental Department prior to the final approval of any work on site.

This motion was seconded by Mr. Ward.

The members were polled.

Mrs. Sarah Richardson	Aye
Mr. Ward	Aye
Mr. Howard	Abstain
Mr. Bragg	Aye

The motion was passed 3:0:1 and the application VMRC 2018-0019 was approved.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:31 PM by Mr. Bragg and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Carey, Recording Secretary