

# WETLANDS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

DUE TO COVID 19 THE MEETING NORMALLY HELD IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER WAS MOVED TO THE VIRGINIA BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

MAY 17, 2021 10:00 AM

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

CHAIRMAN, JOASHUA SCHULMAN, PRESIDING VICE CHAIR, JASON BARNEY

STEPHEN BALLARD KATIE CRUM EMILY STEINHILBER JAMES T. VAIL

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

CINDY HAWKS WHITE

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# WETLANDS BOARD VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

The May 2021 Public Hearing Meeting for the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board was called to order by the Chair, Joashua Schulman, in the Virginia Beach Convention Center located at 1000 19th Street, Suite 5, Virginia Beach, Virginia at 10:01 AM, May 17, 2021.

Chair Schulman welcomed all, stated the responsible charge of the Wetlands Board, as delineated in the Virginia State Code and announced appeals are available through the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) within ten (10) days of this Board's decision.

Approval expires one (1) year from the date it is granted. A permit is normally extended, but not an approval. Applicants are advised to obtain their permit within no more than thirty (30) days of their Hearing. Extensions must be requested before the expiration date.

The Chair stated that as required by law four (4) affirmative votes are required for an approval of a permit application. The Clerk called on six (6) Board members and announced that quorum was present and that the Wetlands Minutes of April 19, 2021, was approved, as distributed.

Chair Schulman acknowledged each applicant and/or agent for the applicant and administered the oath truth and honor.

The slide presentation for each application site was rendered by Ms. Whitney McNamara.

#### MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2021

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Vail, the April 19, 2021, Minutes was **APPROVED**, **AS DISTRIBUTED**.

VOTE: 6-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Katie Crum, Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cindy Hawks White

**MEMBERS ABSTAINING:** 

#### JIM DINKINS **APPLICATION No.: 2020-WTRA-00065**

PROJECT:

To grade sand involving a Coastal Primary Sand Dune/Beach

PROJECT LOCATION: 3256 Sandfiddler Road, contiguous to Atlantic Ocean

REQUEST:

**Extension of Time** 

SPEAKER:

None

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Vail, the request of Jim Dinkins for a one (1) year extension of time was GRANTED.

VOTE:

6-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Katie Crum, Joashua Schulman. Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

**MEMBERS VOTING NAY:** 

None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

Cindy Hawks White

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

#### TIM TYNDALL APPLICATION No.: 2021-WTRA-00131

PROJECT:

To construct a bulkhead involving a Coastal Primary Sand Dune/Beach

PROJECT LOCATION: 3520 Sandfiddler Road, contiguous to Atlantic Ocean

SPEAKER:

FOR - Robert E. Simon, Waterfront Consulting, Inc., Agent for Applicant

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Vail, the application of Tim Tyndall was APPROVED, AS SUBMITTED.

Based on the findings the structure and property are in clear and imminent danger from erosion and storm damage due to severe wave action and storm surge.

VOTE:

6-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Katie Crum, Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

None

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cindy Hawks White

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

#### EDWARD AMDAHL APPLICATION No.: 2021-WTRA-00102

PROJECT:

To construct rip rap involving wetlands

PROJECT LOCATION: 337 Princess Anne Road, contiguous to North Landing River

SPEAKER:

FOR - David Harmeyer, Clark Design Group, LLC, Agent for Applicant

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Vail, the application of Edward Amdahl was Approved, as Modified, with the following conditions:

- 1. Plans shall be revised to quantify and identify the trees that will be impacted by the placement of the rip rap.
- 2. Revised plans shall be submitted to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission and ultimately approved by the Department of Planning & Community Development prior to the issuance of a building permit.

No Net Loss of wetlands on this project was achieved by the payment of an inlieu fee.

VOTE:

6-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

**MEMBERS VOTING AYE:** 

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Katie Crum, Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

Cindy Hawks White

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

## THAO & ANH NYGUYEN APPLICATION No.: 2021-WTRA-00084

**PROJECT:** To construct a bulkhead and boat ramp involving wetlands

PROJECT LOCATION: 3649 Sandpiper Road, contiguous to Shipps Bay

**SPEAKER:** FOR – R. Harold Jones, Sigma Environmental Services, Inc., Agent for Applicant

Ms. Whitney McNamara, Staff Liaison, read into the record an email of opposition from Misty Frank, Owner and Board of Director member, at Surfside at Sandbridge / Outdoor Resorts of Virginia Beach dated May 17, 2021. The email is a part of the permanent record of this public hearing and may be viewed at the Office of the City Clerk.

Upon motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Vail, the application of **Thao & Anh Nguyen** was **Approved**, **As Submitted**.

No Net Loss of wetlands on this project was achieved by on site and the payment of an in-lieu fee.

VOTE: 6-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

**MEMBERS VOTING AYE:** 

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Katie Crum, Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

**MEMBERS VOTING NAY:** 

None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

Cindy Hawks White

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

## KEVIN HEINSMAN APPLICATION No.: 2020-WTRA-00083

PROJECT:

To move and relocate rip rap involving wetlands

PROJECT LOCATION: 2960 Sand Bend Road, contiguous to Canal at North Bay

SPEAKER:

FOR - R. Harold Jones, Sigma Environmental Services, Inc., Agent for Applicant

Upon Motion by Mr. Barney, seconded by Mr. Vail, the application of **Kevin Heinsman** was **Approved**, **As Modified**, **WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITION**:

1. Non-vegetated wetlands impacts associated with the creation of the boat basin shall be compensated for by payment of an in-lieu fee.

No Net Loss of wetlands on this project was achieved by the payment of an in-lieu fee.

VOTE:

6-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

**MEMBERS VOTING AYE:** 

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, Katie Crum, Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

**MEMBERS VOTING NAY:** 

None

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 

Cindy Hawks White

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

At 10:44 AM, the May 17, 2021, Public Hearing of the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board was adjourned by the Chair, Joashua Schulman.

The comments of the Planning Department are on file with the City of Virginia Beach Planning Department.

Jennifer A. Grundler

Deputy City Clerk II

Joashua Schulman, Chair

Wetlands Board