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WETLANDS BOARD MINUTES**

February 20, 2023

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
BUILDING 1  
2401 COURTHOUSE DRIVE  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23456**

**FEBRUARY 20, 2023  
10:00 AM**

JASON BARNEY, CHAIR, PRESIDING

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Stephen Ballard	Board Member	Present	9:05 AM
Jason Barney	Chair	Present	9:05 AM
David Bradley	Board Member	Present	9:04 AM
Katie Crum	Board Member	Absent	
SunTemple Helgren	Board Member (Alternate)	Present	9:05 AM
Jarrold Katzer	Board Member (Alternate)	Present	9:05 AM
Ben McFarlane	Board Member (Alternate)	Present	9:05 AM
Emily Steinhilber	Board Member	Absent	
James Vail	Board Member	Present	9:05 AM
Cindy Hawks White	Vice Chair	Absent	

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**WETLANDS BOARD  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

The February 2023, Public Hearing Meeting for the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board was called to order by the Chair, Jason Barney, in the Council Chamber, 2401 Courthouse Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456 at 10:03 AM, February 20, 2023.

Chair Barney 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 two (2) years 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.

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

The Chair stated that as required by law four (4) affirmative votes are required for an approval of a permit application. The Clerk announced that the Wetlands Minutes of January 17, 2023, was approved, as distributed and Chair Barney stated that quorum was present.

The slide presentation for each application site was rendered by Ms. Heaven L. Manning.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Upon Motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the January 17, 2023, Minutes was **APPROVED, AS DISTRIBUTED.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>5 TO 0</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Vail, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephen Ballard, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Ballard, Barney, Helgren, Katzer and Vail
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	Bradley and McFarlane

**JEAN HAYEK  
2020-WTRA-00224**

- PROJECT:** To construct rip rap involving wetlands
- LOCATION:** 4321 Alfriends Trail contiguous to Western Branch Lynnhaven River
- REQUEST:** Extension of Time
- SPEAKER:** **FOR** – Robert E. Simon, Waterfront Consulting, Inc., Agent for Applicant

Upon motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the request of **Jean Hayek** for a one (1) year extension of time was **GRANTED**.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>7-0 [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Vail, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephen Ballard, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Ballard, Barney, Bradley, Helgren, Katzer, Mcfarlane and Vail

**MICHAEL T. AND SHANNON A. DARDEN  
2022-WTRA-00269**

**PROJECT:** To dredge and construct a bulkhead involving wetlands.

**LOCATION:** 500 Lighthouse Point contiguous to Lake Rudee

**SPEAKER:** **FOR** – Robert E. Simon, Waterfront Consulting, Inc., Agent for Applicant

Mr. Simon stated that revised plans will be submitted to negate the need for an encroachment. The agent also informed the Board that the wetland impacts will remain the same, but the project will be removed off City property.

Upon motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the application of **Michael T. and Shannon A. Darden**, was **APPROVED, AS MODIFIED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITION:**

1. The proposed project requires an encroachment agreement with the City of Virginia Beach. Such an agreement shall be obtained prior to issuance of a building permit.

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

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>7-0 [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Vail, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephen Ballard, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Ballard, Barney, Bradley, Helgren, Katzer, Mcfarlane and Vail

**JEFFREY D. AND CAROLINE W. WATKINS  
2022-WTRA-00276**

**PROJECT:** To dredge, construct rip rap revetment, retaining wall, and plant vegetation involving wetlands and a covered boat lift.

**LOCATION:** 946 Oriole Drive contiguous to Little Neck Creek

**SPEAKERS:** **FOR** – Billy Garrington, Governmental Permitting Consultants, Agent for Applicant

Upon motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the application of **Jeffrey D. and Caroline W. Watkins** was **APPROVED, AS MODIFIED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

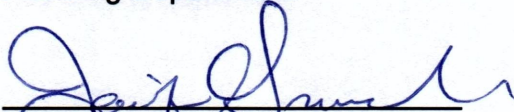
1. Following the installation, an annual vegetation monitoring report shall be submitted to the Department of Planning & Community Development in mid-August for three (3) years. The annual report shall include photographs and a re-vegetation plan for any areas of where the vegetation has failed to establish. Should areas need to be re-vegetated, plant spacing may be arranged in rows or random clusters at 18-inches on center for average cover conditions.
2. The revised plan shall be submitted to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) and approved by the Department of Planning and Community Development prior to the issuance of a building permit.

**No Net Loss of wetlands on this project was achieved by the use of on-site compensation.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>7-0 [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	James Vail, Board Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Stephen Ballard, Board Member
<b>AYES:</b>	Ballard, Barney, Bradley, Helgren, Katzer, McFarlane and Vail

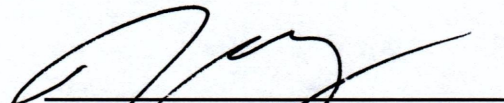
At 10:22 AM the February 20, 2023, Public Hearing of the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board was adjourned by the Chair, Jason Barney.

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



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Jennifer A. Grundler  
Deputy City Clerk II



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Jason Barney, Chair  
Wetlands Board