



**WETLANDS BOARD
VIRTUAL 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

DECEMBER 21, 2020
10:00 AM

MEMBERS PRESENT:
CHAIRMAN, JAMES T. VAIL, PRESIDING
VICE CHAIR, JOASHUA SCHULMAN

STEPHEN BALLARD
JASON BARNEY
SUNTEMPLE HELGREN
BENJAMIN MCFARLANE
EMILY STEINHILBER

MEMBERS ABSENT:
KATIE CRUM
CINDY HAWKS WHITE

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

The December 2020 Virtual Public Hearing Meeting for the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board was called to order by the Chair, James T. Vail, in the Virginia Beach Convention Center located at 1000 19th Street, Suite 5, Virginia Beach, Virginia at 10:03 AM, December 21, 2020.

Chair Vail 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 administered the oath of truth and honor to Mr. Compton, and Mr. Compton acknowledged that he would administer the oath of truth and honor to each applicant and/or agent for the applicant during the meeting.

The Chair stated that as required by law four (4) affirmative votes are required for an approval of a permit application. Seven (7) Board members signified their presence verbally and the Clerk announced that quorum was present.

The Chair asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Mr. David Compton, Staff Liaison responded by stating that there were no changes to the agenda.

Mr. Compton stated that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was being conducted electronically in accordance with Virginia Code § 2.2-3708.2, Virginia Code § 15.2-1413 and the City's Continuity of Government Ordinance adopted on September 15, 2020, and Chapter 1289 of the 2020 Acts of Assembly as amended, means.

The slide presentation for each application site was rendered by Mr. Compton.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Upon nomination by Ms. Steinhilber, the Slate of Officers were presented to the Wetlands Board: **Joashua Schulman, Chairman** and **Jason Barney, Vice Chair**. Ms. Steinhilber also designated the Planning and Community Development Departments Coastal Planning Technicians, **Charles McKenna** and **Christopher Berggren** as the Board's Designated Enforcement Officers.

The Elections were unanimous.

Upon motion by Ms. Steinhilber, seconded by Mr. Ballard, the Board verified the new slate of officers as **Joashua Schulman, Chairman** and **Jason Barney, Vice Chair** for 2021 and designated **Charles McKenna** and **Christopher Berggren** as the Board's designated Enforcement Officers.

VOTE: 7-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, SunTemple Helgren, Benjamin McFarlane, Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katie Crum and Cindy Hawks White

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

LYNNHAVEN BASIN, LLC
APPLICATION No.: 2019-WTRA-00170

PROJECT: To dredge involving wetlands

PROJECT LOCATION: 3143 Lynnhaven Drive, contiguous to Broad Bay

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

Upon Motion by Mr. Schulman, seconded by Mr. Barney, the request of **Lynnhaven Basin, LLC**, for a **ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OF TIME** was **GRANTED**.

VOTE: **7-0 (VERBAL VOTE)**

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, SunTemple Helgren, Benjamin McFarlane,
Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katie Crum and Cindy Hawks White

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

KRAMBIAS PROPERTIES, LLC
APPLICATION No.: 2019-WTRA-00237

PROJECT: To construct a marsh sill and rip rap involving wetlands

PROJECT LOCATION: 921 Bobolink Drive, contiguous to Linkhorn Bay

SPEAKER: **FOR** – David Kledzik, Marine Engineering, LLC

Upon Motion by Mr. Schulman, seconded by Mr. Barney, the request of **Krambias Properties, LLC**, for a **ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION OF TIME** was **GRANTED**.

VOTE: **7-0 (VERBAL VOTE)**

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, SunTemple Helgren, Benjamin McFarlane,
Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katie Crum and Cindy Hawks White

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

**ALICE M. GODFREY TRUST
APPLICATION No.: 2020-WTRA-00224**

PROJECT: To construct a rip rap sill and plant vegetation involving wetlands

PROJECT LOCATION: 1684 Godfrey Lane, contiguous to Mill Dam Creek

SPEAKERS: **FOR** – Billy Garrington, Governmental Permitting Consultants

Upon Motion by Mr. Schulman, seconded by Mr. Barney, the application of **Alice M. Godfrey Trust** was **APPROVED, AS MODIFIED, WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. Any trees removed, with the exception of trees tagged in the field as dead, diseased, dying or undermined, shall be mitigated at a 1:1 ratio.
2. The following note shall be added to the plans: “Existing shellfish presently located in the proposed rip rap and fill footprint shall be collected and relocated onto the rip rap between mean low and mean high water”.
3. Revised plans shall be submitted to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission (VMRC) and ultimately 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.

VOTE: 7-0 (VERBAL VOTE)

MEMBERS VOTING AYE:

Stephen Ballard, Jason Barney, SunTemple Helgren, Benjamin McFarlane,
Joashua Schulman, Emily Steinhilber and James T. Vail

MEMBERS VOTING NAY:


MEMBERS ABSENT:

Katie Crum and Cindy Hawks White

MEMBERS ABSTAINING:

At 10:42 AM, the December 21, 2020, Public Hearing of the Virginia Beach Wetlands Board was adjourned by the Chair, James T. Vail.

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



Jennifer A. Grundler
Deputy City Clerk II



James T. Vail, Chair
Wetlands Board