

**TOWN OF WEST POINT
WETLANDS BOARD MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2020**

I. Call to Order

The Wetlands Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. Chairman Redd called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Charles Redd, Chairman
Stuart Daniel
Chase Evans
Garland Jenkins

Members Absent: Linda Smith, Vice-Chairman

Also Present: Holly N. McGowan, Director of Community Development
Shari Carnell, Recording Aide

Present by Telephone: Randy Owen, VMRC Representative

II. Review of Agenda

Chairman Redd asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes to the agenda.

III. Citizens Address the Board

Chairman Redd opened the floor for any citizen to address the Wetlands Board. No citizens were present. The Citizens Address portion of the meeting was closed.

IV. Public Hearing

A. VMRC#2020-1631, WestRock, LLC

Ms. McGowan reported that WestRock applied for a Wetlands application in the past for this project that stated that the cofferdam would be removed. WestRock has now submitted a new application requesting that the cofferdam remain in order to allow for long-term maintenance access. Ms. McGowan spoke with VMRC and the Army Corps of Engineers and all agreed that WestRock would need to submit a new application.

WestRock will have to compensate for wetlands and compensate for tidal wetland credits in the amount of \$7,600 from The Nature Conservancy. That wetlands bank is equal to the Heartquake Creek Bank that is located in King and Queen County. WestRock must provide proof of payment of wetlands credits before permit is issued.

Chairman Redd opened the Public Hearing.

Chairman Redd asked if the Wetland Board members had any questions about the application. Mr. Evans asked, "If the Wetlands Board allows WestRock to leave the cofferdam in place, what can WestRock anticipate as long-term maintenance, the frequency of repairs that will be needed, and the impact the repairs will have on the wetlands?" Mr. Jenkins added, "The application only states future maintenance." Mr. Daniel asked, "What do they do to repair a leak or a problem when one occurs, and do they have any preventative measures that they can put into place?" Chairman Redd stated that he was disappointed WestRock did not have a representative present to answer these questions the Wetlands Board members have. Chairman Redd discussed the option of ruling the application incomplete with VMRC representative Mr. Owen, and tabling the decision until the next meeting when a WestRock representative was present to answer questions. Mr. Evans added, "The pipe has been there for a long time, what is the anticipated long-term maintenance that will be required for this system? Is this the first time that they have had to do a repair? Is this a once in a 100 year issue? Is this a once in every 5 year issue? If this is a once in every 5 year issue what kind of impact is it going to have on wetlands?"

Chairman Redd asked the Wetland Board members if they thought that this project should require riprap. Ms. McGowan stated that she would email the VIMS representative and ask if this project should be required to have riprap because eventually the sheet piles will be removed. Chairman Redd stated, "If the line is to rupture or continue to have problems it is important to know what types of measures will be taken as far as maintenance is concerned. Someone needs to be present during a Wetlands Board meeting to address these concerns."

Mr. Daniel made a motion to table the WestRock application and send it back as incomplete. The Wetlands Board will readdress the application next month with a WestRock representative or engineer present to answer any questions or concerns. The motion was seconded by Mr. Evans. All in favor responded "Aye." No one opposed. Motion carried.

The Public Hearing for application VMRC#2020-1631 will remain open. The next Wetlands Board meeting will be held on November 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. WestRock will be notified that the decision about the application has been tabled, WestRock not being present to address questions about the application and someone from WestRock or their engineer shall be at the November meeting to address questions raised by the Wetlands Board.

The Wetlands Board will reconvene on November 17, 2020.



Charles T. Redd, Chairman

West Point Wetlands Board

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