

KENT COUNTY
PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES
August 22, 2022
Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Member Clay Larrimore on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were Marc Castelli, Clay Larrimore, Rick Morlock, James Reihl, and Marty Holden.

The June 13, 2022 minutes were approved as submitted.

II OLD BUSINESS

Bayside Landing Park – slip/piers/bulkhead project

Mr. Holden advised that the marine engineering firm Davis, Bowen & Friedel (DBF) experienced some equipment issues that delayed the project slightly, however, they were scheduled to be at Bayside the week of 8/15/22 to complete their survey work with a recently purchased small remote-controlled vessel (bathy-cat). Once the survey is completed, DBF will prepare a base sheet, complete the preliminary plan for the County to review and then prepare a permit package for the Corps of Engineers and the State. Mr. Holden advised that the project is still scheduled to occur during the winter months of 2023.

Rock Hall Entrance Channel - dredging

Mr. Holden stated that a survey of the channel was requested by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The survey was completed and the following report was received from DNR on August 1, 2022.

“The shoal is creeping across the channel and the green buoys seem to be properly placed at the entrance. It seems to be in passable condition now, but we know the shoal will progress over time.

The Corps (USACE) has announced funding for the dredging of Rock Hall and they will look to Kent County for material placement for this channel.”

Mr. Holden stated that in the past dredge material has been deposited to a site owned by Brambles Construction Company. Brambles was contacted regarding the proposed dredge material from this project, and they have verbally agreed to accept the material. DNR and the USACE will provide dredge material estimates (cubic yards) once additional surveys are completed by USACE.

Betterton – Proposed engineering study

Mr. Holden informed the Board that the County Commissioners approved the submittal of the DNR grant application for the Preliminary Engineer Report/Study regarding the Betterton public landing. The grant application (in the amount of \$20,000) was submitted earlier this month through the newly required DNR Grants Gateway computer system. The grant funding requested will be for fiscal year 2024.

III NEW BUSINESS

Green Point – parking

Mr. Holden advised that Green Point Marina was recently acquired by a neighboring marina and made some changes to the entrance which took away approximately 2 parking spots for vehicles & trailers utilizing the public landing. Mr. Holden inquired with the new owners to see if they would be receptive to allowing landing users to park on their property, to which they advised they would allow for a nominal fee. The new owners contacted County Roads about signage to keep the entrances from being blocked. The marina manager did not want to offend boaters and did not want “No Parking” signs. It was agreed to install “Do Not Block Entrance” signs, which were installed by County Roads.

Turners Creek – Granary

Mr. Holden stated that there was a discussion during a County Commissioners meeting about the condition of the granary. The Commissioners requested to obtain cost estimates to replace the ten (10) deteriorating box cribbing timbers utilized to support the steel beams that were installed in 2010. The cost estimate received was \$23,000.

During discussion, a Board Member indicated that a “No Wake” zone in the area of Turner’s Creek public landing is needed. Mr. Holden advised that he will contact DNR to ascertain if a “No Wake” buoy can be installed.

Bayside Landing Park

A Board member advised that there were signs directing event parking in boat ramp/boat slip/pool area of the facility, during a recent event held at the bulkhead. Mr. Holden advised that the request for use of part of a public landing process is currently being updated. Mr. Holden explained that there are numerous new event organizers that may be unaware of what is an approved area for events, requirements to hold an event, etc.

A Board member advised that there are 7-8 Trex composite decking boards on the walkway between the boat slip area and the bulkhead that have been broken along the edges.

V ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher