

KENT COUNTY
PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES
December 7, 2020
Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman Jacquette on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were James Jacquette, Jr., Marc Castelli, Clay Larrimore, Chuckie White and Division Chief Marty Holden.

This was the first meeting held during 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions and other circumstances.

The minutes of December 9, 2019 were approved as submitted.

II ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers was held with William Collyer moving into the Chairman position and Clay Larrimore taking over the Vice-Chairman position for 2021.

III OLD BUSINESS

Fee Increases

Mr. Holden advised that the fee increases for the trailer permits and boat slip rentals took place during the year and there were no complaints received about the increases. Resident permits increased to \$30.00, non-resident permits increased to \$75.00 and boat slip rentals increased by 20%.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Covid-19

Mr. Holden stated that for the board meeting masks are required and the meeting room has been set up for social distancing. Mr. Holden also stated that there is hand sanitizer located at the entrance to the meeting room. Mr. Holden continued that there is also the option of a board member joining the meeting through a conference call on their telephone if they feel uncomfortable attending a meeting in person.

Turner's Creek

Bulkhead & ramp replacement project

Mr. Holden advised that a pre-bid meeting was held on September 22, 2020 and the bids were received on October 7, 2020. The project estimate was around \$506,000 and the low bid, received from A-Del Construction, was \$699,640. The County Engineer and the Marine Engineer, working on this project, made structural changes that reduced the bid amount to \$664,640. The Department of Natural Resources has agreed to provide an additional \$75,000 50/50 matching grant. Additional county funding in the amount of \$65,900 has been requested. The project has been delayed multiple times due to design changes, additional grant funding requests and the bidding process.

Pole Storage on state property

A Board member advised that someone (assumed to be with the Department of Natural Resources) contacted a waterman working out of Turner's Creek and advised that they were now overseeing the site that they have been using for storage of poles, etc. The watermen gave them the Board members telephone number and asked that they speak to the Board member about that previously State approved storage. The Board member advised that they have not contacted him yet. Mr. Holden offered his assistance in the matter if needed.

Cliff's City rip-rap bulkhead protection project

Mr. Holden advised that Kent County received a Department of Natural Resources 100% grant (\$178,000) for the replacement of the rip-rap along the bulkhead. Currently, this project is in the permitting process.

Quaker Neck pier replacement project

Mr. Holden advised that four (4) bids were received for the project with Baltimore Pile Driving being the low bidder with a bid amount of \$222,570. Permit restrictions required that the project be completed during November 2020. The project began on November 2, 2020 and was completed on December 1, 2020.

Fairlee boat ramp repair

Mr. Holden stated that a portion of the concrete slab boat ramp has been damaged and needs to be repaired. The contractor that installed the boat ramp is scheduled to make the necessary repairs as soon as possible.

Boat Slip Agreement Amendment

Mr. Holden advised that during a Commissioner's meeting, Mr. Fithian proposed and made a motion to allow a slip renter who has a Commercial Fishing License to make an assignment of the slip to another individual that has a Commercial Fishing License and will be using the slip for commercial purposes. The revision to the agreement was initiated and approved by the County Commissioners and went into effect October 29, 2020. The County Attorney prepared a affidavit that will be required/attached to a slip rental agreement relating to an assignment of a slip. The document will ensure that no monetary consideration was paid for the assignment of the boat slip and that the slip will be utilized for commercial marine purposes. Both the Lessee and the assignee will be required to certify and sign the affidavit.

Board members stated that they had received positive comments regarding this amendment.

Survey of public landings

Mr. Holden stated that funds were not approved by the Commissioners during the FY 2021 budget process to perform surveying of public landings. The request will be submitted again during the next budget process.

Bayside Landing Park bulkhead electric

A Board member stated one of the electric boxes is not working properly. Mr. Holden stated that staff is currently working on getting prices to replace all the boxes. Once the cost estimate is prepared this project can move forward as there are funds available in that budget to complete this work.

A Board member also stated that the bulkhead should be cleared in about two (2) weeks.

V ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher