

KENT COUNTY

PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES

June 8, 2021

Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman Larrimore on Monday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Those in attendance were Chuckie White, Marc Castelli, James Jacquette, Jr., Rick Morlock and Division Chief Marty Holden.

The minutes of March 8, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Holden welcomed the newest Board member, Mr. Rick Morlock.

II OLD BUSINESS

Turner's Creek - Bulkhead & Ramp Replacement

Mr. Holden presented the board members pictures taken earlier in the day of the progress on the project. He stated that the contractor did encounter some delays due to the weather in February and the inability to keep water out of the ramp area. There were also delays due to necessary change orders, including the discovery of the sheeting not being long enough to reach the river bottom, which is needed to provide enough bearing for the sheeting to stay in place. Longer pilings were also necessary to be driven behind the steel sheeting and attached to the tie-back system. Additional concrete Deadman had to be installed on the bulkhead for the tieback system. All of the aforementioned unforeseen changes have caused delays but the project is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2021, barring anymore issues. June 30,2021 is also the DNR funding deadline. If the project is not completed by that date, the County will have to apply for an extension of the project funding. The current A-Del contract amount is \$713,457.

Cliffs City – Rip/Rap Bulkhead Protection

Mr. Holden described the project for the new board member and advised that we are still awaiting permits to be approved/issued to proceed with this project.

Skinner’s Neck – Sale of County Property

Mr. Holden advised that the County Commissioners have tentatively approved the sale of a 2,054 square foot of waterfront property at Skinner’s Neck public landing to the adjacent marina property owner in the amount of \$8,000. Mr. Holden continued that the property has no access from the public landing. The public notice for the sale was published three (3) times in February and that closing on the property should be happening prior to the end of June. Mr. Holden also stated that the adjacent marina owner will also be paying for the engineering portion of a living shoreline restoration project that will extend from their property along the public landing.

III NEW BUSINESS

Bayside Landing Park – Bulkhead & Pier Replacement Project

Mr. Holden stated that the Commissioners have approved the bulkhead & pier replacement project in the FY 22 budget. The project will include replacement of the portion of the bulkhead area in the corner (near slips) and continue around to the boat ramp, as well as, all the piers, electric and water at the slips. The original estimated cost for the project (3 years ago) was 1.2 million. A Board member asked about changing the layout of the piers and Mr. Holden advised that DNR is adamant that the footprint of the existing structures can not be changed. Mr. Holden continued that once the FY 22 budget is finalized a Marine Engineer will need to be contracted to begin the design phase of the project.

Morgnec Public Landing – storage of materials

Mr. Holden advised that a contractor installing new equipment for Delmarva Power stored equipment and materials on the landing, without permission, which damaged the grass area. After some investigation, Mr. Holden was able to determine that AUI was the company doing the work and were responsible for the necessary repairs needed to the landing. The repairs have been made with grass planted and straw applied.

Bayside Landing Park – adjacent property rental issues

Mr. Holden stated that we have received several complaints about the bulkhead's adjacent property renter. The subject has approached people docking along the bulkhead and advised that they were not allowed to utilize the bulkhead in front of his property. The subject also took it upon himself to have the portable toilet (placement requested by a previous renter of the building) moved away from the property and he has been in dispute with the other adjacent property owner (marina). Mr. Holden advised that the property owner has been contacted and asked to advise the renter(s) that they are not allowed to restrict any kind of use on the county owned property.

Board Member Resignation

Another board member has turned in their resignation (this evening). Mr. Holden stated that we will start the process to replace the board member as soon as possible.

IV ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher