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**Charles City County  
Wetlands Board**  
Public Hearing  
Auditorium/GSAB  
10900 Courthouse Road, Charles City, Virginia  
Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Members Present: A. Norman Hofmeyer, Jr., Chairman  
Charles H. Carter, III, Vice Chairman  
Clyde L. Miles  
E. Van Pearce  
Robert Walls

Members Excused: none

Also Present: Matthew D. Rowe, Planning Director  
Denise D. Williams, GIS Technician – Development Clerk  
Juliette Giordano, Environmental Engineer, VMRC  
Rob & Andrea Erda, Westover Plantation  
Chris Faye, VAB, Williamsburg

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CHAIRMAN, A.N. HOFMEYER called this public hearing of the Charles City County Wetlands Board to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Rowe certified that a quorum of the Wetlands Board had been established.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes of the April 24, 2013 meeting were considered by the Board. The motion to approve as presented was made by Mr. Charles Carter, Vice-Chairman and seconded by Mr. Van Pearce and carried unanimously by a vote of 5:0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. A. N. Hofmeyer, Chairman asked the Commission for any unfinished business. The Commission motion unanimously nay.

**PUBLIC HEARING: WESTOVER PLANTION LLC**

Mr. A. N. Hofmeyer, Chairman, explained the Board's procedure for conducting public hearings and the appeal process. He next asks the Commission to make comment on the completion of Application #14-0048. No comments made. The public hearing began with a brief explanation of Westover Plantation LLC's request for a permit to construct 311 LF sill and a 706 LF stone revetment in front of an existing retaining wall and replace sandy fill in eroded areas behind the existing wall with filter cloth, located along a portion of the James River shoreline.

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Mr. Matthew Rowe, Planning Director read the staff report and describe the site's condition for tonight's meeting. The site will impact around 78 sq. ft. of vegetated wetlands. Staff believes the desired method of stabilization is an offshore breakwater with beach nourishment, which means, an offshore breakwater would require the grading of the uplands bank which would impact the historic home and older vegetation. The site is a high energy site and likely sees 3-4 ft. wave energy during storm events and strong south-westerly winds. Large armor stone, as being proposed, would hold up to the wave energy. Staff also believes by using a structure morphs from a sill into a revetment and back into an open ended sill would avoid additional vegetated wetlands impacts. Staff suggests mitigation for the vegetated wetlands impacts. The project has no impacts to the 100 RPA buffer for CBPA purposes. A WQIA will not be required.

Chairman, A. Hofmeyer opened the floor for public comments or questions for anyone wishing to speak on the application.

No one spoke.

Chairman, A. N. Hofmeyer opened the floor for public comments or questions for anyone wishing to speak in opposition to the application.

No one spoke.

### Board Discussion:

The board discussed approving the application upon Staff receiving the revised drawings showing 78 sq. ft. of vegetated wetlands and receipt for wetlands mitigation.

### MOTION:

Mr. Carter moved to approve the application with the condition that a revised drawing of the 78 square feet of vegetated wetlands and receipt for wetlands mitigation be submitted and reviewed by Staff prior to the issuance of the Wetlands Permit. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearce; and was carried by a vote of 5:0.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Matthew Rowe, Planning Director opened the floor to nomination of Wetlands Board Officers.

Mr. Pearce nominated Mr. Charles Carter for Chairman. The nomination was carried by a 4:0:1 vote with Mr. A. N. Hofmeyer abstained from voting.

Mr. Walls nominated Mr. Van Pearce for Vice-Chairman. The nomination was carried by a 4:0:1 vote with Mr. Charles Carter abstained from voting.

Mr. Walls nominated Mr. Matthew Rowe for Secretary. The nomination was carried by a 5:0 vote.

### PLANNING DIRECTOR

The Wetlands Board meeting schedule for 2014 was presented for approval. The Commission thru consensus move to meet on Mondays. Mr. Walls made a motion to approve, upon corrections, the

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Wetlands Board 2014 meeting schedule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Linny Miles, and carried unanimously by a 5:0 vote.

Mr. Matthew Rowe briefs the Commission on upcoming Regional Spring Wetlands Training Forum.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Charles Carter opens the floor for public comment.

No comments made

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Carter ordered the Wetlands Board meeting of March 5, 2014 be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Attested:

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A. N. Hofmeyer, Wetland Board Chairman

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Date

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Matthew D. Rowe, Wetlands Board County Staff

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Date