

Call to Order:

Chairman John Joeckel called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Minutes

Due to a quorum not being present, there was no motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 15, 2020.

Old Business:

- a. VA Commonwealth WMF –
 - i. Current RFP Progress and Timeline for 2020 Projects-
 - ii. Mr. Williams updated the committee on the current progress for the 2020 WMF projects. He explained that he is currently finalizing the RFP to start soliciting responses from contractors to move forward with the projects. All five projects will be in one RFP for publication. The contractors will have the option to provide a proposal for all five projects or a select few. Mr. Williams asked John Joeckel, Chair, Granville Hogg, Vice-Chair, and John Tavolaro if they still wish to serve on the RFP review committee. All three agreed to serve on this committee.
 - iii. Current Project Progress-

Mr. Williams presented the progress of the Quinby Channel and Kings Creek project. For the Quinby Channel project, he stated that Waterway cross-referenced survey information for Peeler Point from 1991 to 2017 to determine an approximate amount of sediment that has shoaled into the federal channel. Waterway provided that there were 407,150 cubic yards of sediment that were placed onto Peeler Point from 1991 to 2017. Currently, there are only 157,600 cubic yards of sediment on Peeler Point. Waterway proposes to install geotubes onto Peeler Point. The geotubes will be filled with State channel sediment and deposit federal channel behind it. We are hopeful to deposit sediment at a specified height behind the geotubes to help in marsh development. Mr. Williams continued to update the committee on the Kings Creek project by stating that The Cape Charles public beach was surveyed and can handle 30-33k cubic volume of sediment. Kings Creek will only have roughly 11-25k cubic volume in sediment to be disposed of onto the beach. There is another 500-1000 cubic volume of silt in the marina that will be deposited at a TBD disposal site. Chairman Joeckel asked if the USACE has to sign off on the permits designed by Waterway. Ms. Alexander answered stating Waterway adheres to all USACE requirements and USACE will be the ones to sign off on the designs. Vice-Chair Hogg commented that his property along Kings Creek is experiencing a lot of erosion and would like to be included in the conversations on being a

disposal site for the sediment. Ms. Alexander commented that the public areas are a priority for disposal sites because Kings Creek is a state-owned waterway. Once Cape Charles expressed interest and because the capacity will hold all of the sediment from Kings Creek, we will need to move forward with depositing the sediment onto the Cape Charles public beach. Vice-Chair Hogg also suggested having Waterway include day beacons 12/14/15 located along Kings Creek into their final hydrographic survey. He expressed concerns about mooring buoys at the proposed dock and ensuring that the proposed dock will not interfere with the channel. Mr. Williams assured Vice-Chair Hogg that Waterway has reviewed the proposed design and incorporated it into their survey. Mr. Williams also stated that every discussion he has with Waterway, he continues to bring this topic to Waterway's attention to express how vital this situation is to the channel. Waterways is confident the dock will not affect the channel negatively.

- b. Cape Charles Anchorage: VDEQ NDZ- Ms. Alexander stated that DEQ is considering an NDZ in the Chesapeake Bay but no other information is available. John Coker and Ms. Alexander both agreed to exclude this agenda item until more information is available from DEQ. Mr. Coker was pleased to announce that the ships are utilizing the Cape Charles Anchorage.
- c. Greenbackville Area Project Update- Ms. Alexander explained that this project is to address the contamination found in a containment area along the shore of Greenbackville. The group managing the project was unsuccessful in receiving funding for the project. The group will continue to seek out funding sources but will update the scope of work by completing minimal sampling in the area to fund a full project to address the needs in this area. Chairman Joeckel stated that this project addresses the dangers of breaching the USACE containment site because of the eroding occurring along the shore. Mike Anderson, USACE stated that he would follow up with his team to conduct a field site survey for the area.
- d. WIP Information and new resources- Ms. Alexander presented a brochure the A-NPDC developed to be distributed out to various communities to summarize the BMPs for WIP. She also explained a program that is available for residents near Hungars Creek and Kings Creek to assist in septic pump out.
- e. USACE – Chris Turner, USACE supplied an update on the Chincoteague Inlet Federal Navigation Project and the USCG Sector

Field Office Eastern Shore maintenance dredging project. Ross Tuttle provided an update on the Oyster Channel and Tangier Channel projects. Mr. Anderson followed by providing the updated list of prioritized projects for the USACE to complete on the Eastern Shore. Mr. Anderson also stated that there are no additional funds for projects right now due to budget constraints but there are funds available for the 2021 work plan. Mr. Anderson said during a re-programming process there may be up to \$150,000 available for preliminary surveying for little Machipongo river which has not been addressed for an extended time.

- f. USCG – Mike Hall BML, USCG ANT Chincoteague stated that ATONs were being installed back into Bradford Bay and the Wachapreague Channel and other projects that include the movement of ATONs in channels along the shore. He also stated they are still working on moving the ATONs from the VIP and delays were caused by funding issues. Chairman Joeckel expressed concerns on communication with the committee when ATONs were moved into a channel. Mr. Hall will forward an email notification he receives on moving buoys to the committee. Mr. Hall stated that there was some communication on disestablishing the USCG station in Wachapreague. Chairman Joeckel asked for Mr. Hall to send him any information he has on this and the committee will act on this immediately.

New Business:

- g. March 2021 VPA WMF Application Discussion- Chairman Joeckel asked the committee for their input on the 2021 VPA WMF applications and which project should be considered. He suggested the implementation of Kings Creek should be included in our application. He also stated that the Middle Peninsula is also considering applying for the implementation of dredging in the upcoming application cycle. Funding is still very low in the WMF and the committee should send another letter to Senator Lewis and Delegate Bloxom addressing the budget concerns with our projects and request an increase in the fund. All committee members presented agreed upon this action. Mr. Coker suggested sending a notice to all county supervisors. Ms. Alexander suggested to include some of the projects that are Part A of Phase 1 to fully develop them into Phase
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- a. TNC project update- Ms. Alexander stated that the TNC is working on social media presence and the completed drone footage will be posted on their social media.

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- b. VIMS NFWF Cedar Island Update- Chris Hein VIMS presented to the committee saying that the first National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant for preliminary design and planning ends at the end of October. We are still awaiting word on our pending proposals to NFWF (in support of 90% design plans & permitting) and to the Competitive State Wildlife Grants (C-SWG) program (in support of hydrodynamic modeling of the project).
- c. Letters to Localities and USACE- Chairman Joeckel stated that letters were sent to localities and the USACE to firm up the process by coordinating with the committee on projects and issues.

Other Matters:

Steve Soherr, NOAA explained that he received survey results from Waterway for our current projects. He will also send Mr. Williams a google sheet of the Coastal Pilot to distribute out to the committee members to solicit feedback to update the pilot's information. Chairman Joeckel asked for an update on the LIDAR Survey for the eastern shore. Mr. Soherr stated that it will still be a long time until LIDAR will be able to be completed for the Eastern Shore but will follow up to supply a timeline for completion of the surveys. He asked if there are any specific areas to be surveyed. Chairman Joeckel answered with the coastal erosion areas on the seaside is a priority. Mr. Dixon added that he can assist in any way he can to help NOAA.

Mr. Anderson suggested scheduling a meeting to discuss the Quinby Channel's federal and state waterway project. Mr. Williams will follow up with Waterway as well to schedule this meeting.

Public Comment:

None

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Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn

The Committee agreed the next meeting will be on January 21, 2020 at 2:00 pm, venue to be determined. Chairman John Joeckel adjourned the meeting at 4:22 pm.

John Joeckel, Chair

Shannon Alexander, Secretary

Date