

Call to Order:

Chairman John Joeckel called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Minutes

Mr. Tavolaro stated that on page three under old business the word “spoil” be replaced with “material”.

William J “Billy” Tarr made a motion to approve the January 21,2021 meeting minutes with the change of wording of “spoil” to “material” on page three under old business. The motion, seconded by John Coker, carried unanimously.

Old Business:

- a. VA Commonwealth WMF –
 - i. Current FY2020 Projects & Progress – Mr. Williams presented the current progress on the Quinby and Kings Creek projects. Meetings were held with the USACE to discuss the federal and state channel discrepancy. Waterway is to proceed with sediment sampling on Peeler Point to design geotubes and present those designs to the USACE. Waterway continues to develop the bidding documents for the Kings Creek project and suggested removing dredging from the marina to Red Day Beacon 12, this will allow for the project to get out of the 408-process due to removing the DMMA site. Members of the committee advised that Waterway needs to keep the same language in the permit without their suggestion.
 - ii. Current Progress and Timeline for FY 2021 Projects – Mr. Williams advised the committee that a project kick-off meeting was held on 4/7/21 for the Wachapreague Channel project with Waterway Engineering. Channel surveying will start on the week of April 19 or May 3. Moffatt and Nichol were awarded the other FY21 projects and will start channel surveying this week. Ira Brotman, M&N introduced himself to the committee stated that M&N is excited to be working on this project. Mr. Williams added that M&N and the A-NPDC are working to develop a website to provide a summary and information on current and past projects. Mr. Dixon stated he is excited about the website and that the Northampton Website could tie into this website.
 - iii. VPA WMF FY 2022 Application- Mr. Williams and Ms. Alexander presented the applications that the A-NPDC submitted to the VPA for both Accomack and Northampton Counties. A total of \$1.23 million of funding was requested. Ms. Alexander stated that the MPPDC and Northern Neck both applied for funding as

well. Chairman Joeckel stated that the \$3 million funding opportunity for the WMF failed. Mr. Williams said that funding for this year's projects will be highly competitive.

- b. NOAA – No representative from the agency was present to provide an update.
- c. USACE- Mr. Turner, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Hughes provided updates on their respective projects, including Chincoteague Inlet, Oyster Channel, Tangier Channel, and the Cedar Island CAP. Chairman Joeckel requested additional information on the dredging contractor for the Tangier Channel project.
- d. USCG - BML Hall reported that he will be transferring in June and will no longer be located on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. BML Hall will supply Mr. Williams with the next contact who will take over his position.
- e. United States Coast Pilot Update- Mr. Williams reached out to some local stakeholders but did not receive feedback. He will reach out to those and other local stakeholders to provide feedback for the Coast Pilot Update as the information is in need of updating.

New Business:

- a. W&M VCPC -NDZ Chesapeake Bay's VA waters- Chairman Joeckel stated that DEQ is requesting stakeholder input on implementing a NDZ in the portion of the Chesapeake Bay. It was discussed that enforcement and the resources for enforcement on the NDZ are difficult.

Other Matters:

None

Public Comment:

None

Schedule Next Meeting and Adjourn

The next meeting will be dependent on public outreach for the WMF Projects. Notification will be sent to the committee on meeting information.

William J “Billy” Tarr made a motion to adjourn. The motion, seconded by Jim Dixon, carried unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Eastern Shore Regional Navigable Waterway Committee

John Joeckel, Chair

Grayson Williams, Secretary

Date

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