

KENT COUNTY
PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES
March 4, 2019
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, March 4, 2019 at 6:05PM. Those in attendance were James Jacquette, Jr., Chuckie White, Marc Castelli, and Division Chief Marty Holden.

The minutes of December 10, 2018 were approved as submitted.

II OLD BUSINESS

Skinner's Neck Public Landing – Boat Ramp Repair

Mr. Holden advised that the bid process was completed on February 26, 2019 and that Deckelman's Pile Driving had the low bid amount of \$58,000. The amount budgeted for the project is \$44,000. Mr. Holden continued that the bid results will be presented to the County Commissioners for their approval on March 5, 2019. If approved by the Commissioners, Deckelman's will begin the project immediately to have the necessary pile driving work completed by the DNR deadline of March 31st, with the remainder of the work to be completed in April 2019.

A Board member asked about an issue with 4-wheelers at the facility. Mr. Holden advised that electric boxes had been damaged by 4-wheelers on the pier and signs were posted prohibiting 4-wheelers on the pier (with posts being installed at the beginning of the pier to block access). The posts were knocked down and the signs removed. The signs have been replaced and the posts were re-installed deeper in the ground to deter easy removal. The incident was reported to the Sheriff's Office and patrol checks of the area have been requested. The next step will be to install H-beams for a more permanent solution.

Rock Hall Harbor Entrance Channel Dredging

Mr. Holden advised that the bidding process was completed on January 9, 2019 and Dissen & Juhn had the low bid amount of \$126,223. DNR grant funding will cover the total cost of the dredging. Dissen & Juhn has a start date of March 15, 2019 and will have the project completed within DNR's set dredging time frame.

Sharp Street – power washing & storing equipment

Mr. Holden presented to the Board the proposed sign to be installed along Sharp Street pier prohibiting power washing and storing of equipment.

Mr. Holden suggested sending letters to those individuals that are known to use the pier, however, the Board felt that the signs, along with “word of mouth” would be enough notification of the change.

Bayside Landing Park – boat docking along bulkhead

Mr. Holden presented to the Board a map showing the proposed locations of the no parking/no docking areas on both sides of the Watermen statue to allow for loading and unloading during the busy boating season and the numerous events at the facility. Also presented were the proposed signs that will be installed on the water side (NO DOCKING) and on the land side (NO PARKING) to keep those areas accessible for loading and unloading only.

Mr. Holden advised that the areas will be clearly marked, and signs installed prior to the beginning of boating season.

IV NEW BUSINESS

Future Projects

Mr. Holden stated that there are DNR matching grants allocated for both of the following projects, however, the County Commissioners will need to fund the matching amounts during the FY 2020 budget process to proceed with the projects.

Quaker Neck pier replacement – \$195,000 (estimated cost)

Turner's Creek bulkhead/pier replacement - \$350,000 (estimated cost)

A Board member was concerned about the use of Turner's Creek during the bulkhead replacement project. Mr. Holden advised that it would be completed in stages, allowing for use of the facility during the project.

A Board member suggested that the individuals (watermen) that work out of the facility should be included in future project meetings to be informed of contractor work schedules.

Mill Creek Dredging – estimated \$280,000

Mr. Holden stated that Mill Creek Dredging will be proceeding. The funding for the project is 50% DNR and 50% Friends of Mill Creek. A Board member asked about the time line for the project and if it would affect those working out of Buck Neck public landing. Mr. Holden advised that he will provide the dredging timeline at the next board meeting.

Bayside Landing Park-Bulkhead/Pier Replacement-est. - \$1,080,000

Mr. Holden advised that a grant application (50/50 matching) has been submitted to DNR for approval. The project has also been submitted to the County Commissioners for approval during the FY 2020 budget process. A Board member asked about the possibility of reconfiguring the piers. Mr. Holden advised that DNR would not allow any reconfiguring of the piers due to the location of the channel.

FY 2021 - Projects

Mr. Holden stated that a DNR (50/50 matching) grant application/request will be submitted this year for the replacement/extension of the bulkhead at the Cliffs City Public Landing – estimated cost of \$248,000.

Other

A Board member advised that the rip-rap installed at Turner's Creek and Bogles Public Landings has worked very well.

Mr. Holden advised of several holes in the lane at the Morgnec Public Landing and indicated that the County Roads Division will inspect, and repair as needed.

V ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher