

**KENT COUNTY**  
**PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES**  
**June 13, 2022**  
**Meeting Minutes**

## **I CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman White on Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were Chuckie White, Marc Castelli, Clay Larrimore, Rick Morlock, James Reihl, and Marty Holden.

The March 7, 2022, minutes were approved as submitted.

## **II OLD BUSINESS**

### **Bayside Landing Park – slip/piers/bulkhead project**

Mr. Holden stated that currently the project is in the design phase, FY2023 funding is allocated for the project, and the work is scheduled to be completed this coming winter.

A Board member asked about electric/water replacement. Mr. Holden responded that the current electric/water supply to the slips will be replaced with electric towers and spigots that will be installed along the bulkhead.

A Board member also asked what boats at the facility would need to do during the project. Mr. Holden advised that they would either be shuffled around at the facility, or the County

will work with neighboring marinas to provide slips during the project.

A Board member asked if slip holders could have a key/access to the bathrooms. Mr. Holden advised that the bathhouse falls under the Parks & Recreation Department and that slip holders or general public only have access to the bathrooms when the pool is open.

### **Turner's Creek - Bulkhead/Boat Ramp Area**

Mr. Holden advised that the project has been completed. County Roads completed the approach to the boat ramp and touched up tar/chip areas that were not accessible by the larger equipment during the surface treatment process.

## **III NEW BUSINESS**

### **Betterton – Proposed engineering study**

Mr. Holden advised that he attended a meeting, at the request of the Town of Betterton regarding the Betterton public landing. Town representatives, as well as representatives from DNR were in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues at the facility, including facility access, boat wake, sand issues in the boat ramp, and possible improvements to the landing/facility.

The County was asked to obtain a cost proposal from a Marine Engineer that would assist in requesting DNR grant funding for a preliminary engineering report/study. The recommended

preliminary engineering report will provide site evaluation, stakeholder outreach, wave/wind analysis, sea level rise/frequency of flooding and construction cost estimates. It will also assist with providing recommended options for replacement, modification, or rehabilitation of existing structures at the facility.

Mr. Holden stated that a cost proposal was received from Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. in the amount of \$16,500 for the preliminary engineering report. If the Commissioners, approve moving forward with this proposal, DNR funding will be applied for in FY2024.

### **Mooring Buoy Permits**

Mr. Holden advised that the mooring buoy permit renewal process has been completed with 6 permits not renewed due to property transfers. Half of which no longer have moorings and the other half have been advised of the permit requirements. These property owners have either been approved for a permit or are currently in the application process.

### **Future Projects**

Mr. Holden provided the future list of projects –

Bayside project– will be completed in FY 2023

Betterton engineering study – FY 2024

Bogles pier replacement – will be scheduled for FY 2024/FY 2025

A Board member advised that the Rock Hall harbor entrance channel may need to be looked at for possible dredging. Board Members advised that there are sections of the entrance channel that have reduced to approximately five feet depths.

The Board member also asked if it was possible to look at doing more than just dredging the area, possibly a different type or configuration of the jetty to slow down the need to maintenance dredge so frequently (last maintenance dredge was completed in April 2019). Mr. Holden advised that he will make contact with DNR and request that a conditional survey/sounding of the channel be conducted. He also stated that a study for changes to the jetty, etc. would likely be a different type of request, but the survey of the channel will be the County's first step.

## **V ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, August 29, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher