

KENT COUNTY
PUBLIC LANDINGS & FACILITIES
September 20, 2021
Meeting Minutes

I CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Kent County Board of Public Landings & Facilities was called to order by Chairman Larrimore on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 6:00PM. Those in attendance were Clay Larrimore, Chuckie White, Marc Castelli, Rick Morlock, Jim Reihl and Division Chief Marty Holden.

The minutes of June 8, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Mr. Holden reviewed the Chairman/Vice Chairman rotation. Currently Mr. Larrimore is the Chairman and Mr. White is the Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Holden welcomed the newest Board member, Mr. James Reihl.

II OLD BUSINESS

Turner's Creek - Bulkhead & Ramp Replacement

Mr. Holden advised that the weekend of Labor Day a large settlement was found along the north side (behind the granary building) of the bulkhead. Once notified, A-Del Construction (the contractor that installed the bulkhead) responded immediately and uncovered the fill material around the concrete deadman and tie-back rods. They found two (2) tie-back rods were broken at the joint/knuckle connections causing the bulkhead structure to move approximately 10 inches. Currently the cause of the tie-back failure is unknown, however, A-Del Construction quickly began making the necessary repairs. A survey of all the tie-back rods will be conducted by the contractor.

A Board member asked if the area will be surface treated (tar/chip) in the future. Mr. Holden advised that it will probably be completed in the spring/summer of 2022.

Two Board Members advised that during a low tide they witnessed a small vessel contacting/rubbing the center pilings that were cut even to the bulkhead cap. The Board Members asked if rub boards could be installed on the longer pilings to help prevent damages to small vessels. Mr. Holden advised that rub boards can be installed for preventative measures.

Cliffs City – Rip/Rap Bulkhead Protection

Mr. Holden stated there were three (3) bids received for the installation of 219 linear feet of rip rap along the entire bulkhead that will prolong the life of the bulkhead. The low bid was received from Linstrom Excavating in the amount of \$47,800. The Waterway Improvement fund

grant (100%) in the amount of \$178,000 expires June 30, 2022. A contract was signed by Linstrom Excavating and will be presented to the Commissioners for final signature.

Bayside Landing Park – Bulkhead & Pier Replacement Project

Mr. Holden stated that the Commissioners have approved the bulkhead & pier replacement project in the FY22 budget. The project will include replacement of the portion of the bulkhead area in the corner (near slips) and continue around to the boat ramp, as well as, all the piers, electric and water supply to the slips. Mr. Holden continued that the Waterway Improvement grant funding will expire June 30, 2022, but if the County is in the process of working on the project, the funding could be extended. The next phase is to contract a marine engineer for the design phase of the project. The project will likely not be completed until the winter of 2023.

A Board member asked if the slip holders will have to relocate during the project. Mr. Holden advised that the slip holders will be asked to relocate during the construction. He further stated that with past projects the County has worked with local marinas to find slips for those that need a place to move their boat during construction.

III NEW BUSINESS

Buck Neck – Worton Creek Marina Property Issues

Mr. Holden advised that John Patnovic of Worton Creek Marina reported that the underground fuel tanks owned by the marina need to be removed and replaced with above ground fuel tanks. Mr. Holden stated that part of the marina property, which includes portions of buildings, fence, propane tanks, as well as the underground fuel tanks, are on County property. Mr. Patnovic purchased the property as is with the aforementioned structure/tanks located on County property. There has been discussion of a lot line adjustment and possible exchange of property to allow the Marina's property line to be adjusted to encompass that which is on County property. Mr. Holden informed that currently there will be no loss of bulkhead use.

Mr. Holden advised the new members that Mr. Patnovic has been a good neighbor. He stated that every year, he requests and is granted permission to store a large vessel on a portion of the County property. The Board Members agreed to continue allowing this practice.

Bogles – boat ramp drop-off

A Board member advised that during low tide boat trailers are dropping off the end of the boat ramp and asked if the ramp can be extended. Mr. Holden stated that he believes the boat ramp is a poured concrete pad but would need to check with the County Engineer to verify. Mr. Holden will look into the issue to see what can be done, to include possibly extending or placing stone at the end, as well as installing end of ramp signs.

Sharp Street Pier – docking

A Board member stated he was contacted by a County Commissioner about a derelict boat, that has been docked without moving for two (2) years, at the Sharp Street pier. Mr. Holden stated that the current policy, which was created by the Board, allows vessels to dock at certain

locations with no restrictions. Sharp Street pier is one of those locations. Previously the pier was load and unload only but was changed to allow vessels to dock there. A Board member asked if there can be limitations put on the length of time of use? Mr. Holden advised there is no way of enforcing the time of use at the locations that allow unrestricted docking. At these locations, the access must be unrestricted or changed to load and unload only. No motions or recommendations were made to change the current policies at the Sharp Street pier.

IV ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 6, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Fletcher