

To: Oriental Town Board

From: Debra Khouri, BRMSD Board Member

Re: The Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District Board Meeting, Jan 4, 2024

Actions Taken:

The board approved increasing the size of a sewer line in Port Vandemer. The District will share costs with the town of Vandemere.

Other Items: The final audit presentation was presented by Reid Parker. No significant issues were discovered.

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Re: The Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District Board Meeting, Dec 7, 2023

Actions Taken:

The board went into closed session.

Other Items discussed:

Update on estimated cost for sewer line to Port Vandemere.

Clarification on sewer capacity .

Update on sprayfield

Update on the progress of the annual audit.

Tourism Board Minutes January 16, 2024

Present: Marsha Paplham, Laura McDonald, Suzanne Gwaltney, Linda Hoff and Commissioner Frank Roe

- We are almost out of the 1000 printed rackcards, which were ordered in June 2023. It was discussed and agreed upon by all present to keep the order at 1000 for \$370.28. Marsha will order the cards.
- Laura has been distributing and picking up survey cards from different lodging establishments. Word of mouth is the predominant answer to why people visit Oriental. Laura will continue distribution, Linda will assist in the picking up of the completed surveys.
- Marsha is in the process of working with Ch 12 to have them present our 4 biggest events. Through the community calendar and any resource available.
- Marsha had spoken with a representative of the Daily Reflector out of Greenville. They are a targeted digital display company, working in the electronic medium. The initial proposal is \$330/month. Marsha is going to invite the representative to the next meeting.
- Tourism's next big event is the Oriental yard sale.
- Linda discussed the upcoming 125th birthday celebration. There will be a parade, food and merchandise vendors and music. Marsha stated the Tourism board can provide \$500 towards the costs of creating this event. Marsha made the motion for approval, Laura seconded all were in favor.
- Marsha adjourned the meeting

Minutes

Oriental Tree Board Meeting

DATE	November 28, 2023
DURATION	09:14 AM through 9:45 AM
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY	Bob Miller, chair

IN ATTENDANCE

Bob Miller (chair), Phil Borders, Janet Chinae, John Deaton, Ken King (em), Cindy Swiskey, Missy Tenhet, Cathy Washburn, Alan Price (comm liaison) [NOT in Attendance: Michelle Brooks, Toni Leavitt]

CHAIR REPORT - OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of whether Area 2 pruning is sufficiently complete. John D & Phil B said they would do a drive-through and target any work that seems urgent for the pruning sessions in Area 2 over the rest of December.

The approved special safety pruning requests outside of Area 2 were addressed over the past month.

In the New Year the Board starts maintenance pruning in Area 3.

Bob M reported that he is working on the annual Tree City application to turn over to the new chair (John D) at the next meeting; the other two annual administrative responsibilities are the Arbor Day Pruning Demonstration event, and the annual budget submission to the Town commissioners.

Bob M also reported that he is compiling a list of new tree plantings for this winter.

NEW BUSINESS

Three new members were welcomed to the Board this month: Janet Chinae, Cindy Swiskey, and Cathy Washburn.

The Board members shared general information about the workings of the Board with the new members.

The following new special safety pruning requests have been received for evaluation & action:

- Rick's BBQ on main street has two large crepe myrtles that block the lighting of the parking lot to his restaurant.
- A memorial tree planting request for Bob Parker to be located near the town boat launch.
- John D will contact Diane M about sending a letter to the lot owner at Midyette & 603 Main regarding removal of a tree overgrowing the Town ROW.
- Limbs obscuring stop sign at Whitaker Point Road and Skipper Circle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Board members are invited to the Town's Volunteer Appreciation Party, Friday December 1, 2023, at 3:00 PM in the Town Hall main conference room. Bring an unwrapped gift for a teenager for donation.

NEXT MEETING

The Board voted to skip the December Board meeting due to Holiday conflicts. The next full Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 9:00 AM in the Town Hall main conference room. Pruning crews meet at the Town Hall most Tuesdays throughout the year.

Town of Oriental

Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes from November 9, 2023

Meeting called to order at 8:01 am, in the Town Hall Meeting room by chairperson Jim Blackerby with the following in attendance:

D. McGuire-Committee person

D. Allen-Committee person

Pat Stockwell-Committee person

D. Szerlag-Committee person

Jenny Jones-Committee person

D. White-Councilman

Diane Miller-Town Manager

Minutes from October 12, 2023, meeting approved by D. McGuire, seconded by D. Allen.

Facilities check-large boat tied up to bulkhead, concerns for damages from size of boat to bulkhead.

Managers' report-Restroom incident with unknown person, pictures to identify put on Facebook. The boat overstayed TD1, owner had medical emergency.

Active and New projects—Sargent's house Holiday event (evening), plans made for "Hard Opening", decorate with lights, etc. Vote to hold Holiday event-all in favor. D. Allen volunteered to hang lights in and around Sargent's house. Suggestions to hang flags on 4X4's-Clean Marina flag, Oriental flag, etc. D. Allen suggest we let TownDock know for Spirit of Christmas. Diane Miller will talk to Mayor Belangia to schedule time.

Review of Town website for HWAC Chapter E and Chapter R sections 1,2, and 3.

Changes made to Oriental's Day Docking area section D—**Town Dock #1 is available for 2-hour day docking only from August 1 through September 30 for recreational/charter fishing vessels.** Section 12-Maintenance and Repair—changes made **No maintenance/painting/sanding or repair of vessels on Town owned property, including docks, land, and waterfront.**

Article II Section 1—changes made "Commercial recreational, charter vessels and tow vessels" replaced with "**All vessels.**"

J. Blackerby requested changing the number of meetings a year from 6 meetings to 8 meetings requirement. Call ins will count as attendance. P. Stockwell motion to vote on change, D. Allen seconded. All in favor of 8 meetings a year. J. Blackerby noted that the Board highly recommends interaction with Parks and Recs committee, although not required. These meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday each month at 2:00pm.

Whitaker Creek Dredge Project—D. Allen reports he submitted major permit changes and is waiting to hear back.

NC Coastal Federation—visit November 3 to assess erosion at John Bond Beach, Midyette Street floating dock and kayak launch. Diane Miller reports cost sharing possibilities that could help purchase Ragan Property using Boat Infrastructure Grant, Coastal Federation money, etc. available for Kayak launch, overflow parking from Wildlife ramp, plus recreation space for Parks/Recreation, etc. Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway Association has grants available as well. Lots of moving parts and pieces that need to be put together.

Protection of shoreline by wildlife ramp/floating dock using rocks or blocks. Coastal Federation to get back to J. Blackerby with costs.

John Bond Beach—how to fix shoaling, etc. D. Miller reports Engineer has been contacted; they did not deliver what was contracted/promised with most recent “fix”. Looking at the situation, not sure a fix is possible without causing more issues. J. Blackerby suggests a Mobi Mat-ADA compliant, mat for rolling wheelchairs on to the beach.

Whitaker Point—J. Blackerby accessing FEMA funds for repairs and damages after storms. Need to document before and after, oversights, what’s been done to keep up structures, etc. NC Coastal Federation report at Point, maritime grasses doing their job, shifting less sand away, new hardwood growth.

Dinghy Dock extension—P. Stockwell, extension toward river will not work. Motion to stop pursuit of extension project D. Allen, seconded by D. Szerlag.

Outside organizations—D. Szerlag attended meeting for Coastal Resources discussions of Cama Land Use Plans and Comprehensive plans, community responsibilities, zoning enforceable regulations.

Hodges St. update— “Diane will hire a diver to do the annual inspection on the integrity of the pilings at TD1 as well as TD2 - which has been added this year. Also, an inspection will be done on the integrity of TD1 stringers and headers. Both TD1 and TD2 receive the expected wear and tear from heavy use and aging issues.

Street signs—D. Miller rewrite list, send to Broad Street Print. Add Pull Ahead? Emergency? And 2 HR Docking at TD #1.

Motion to adjourn @ 9:39 David Szerlag, seconded Pat Stockwell.