

**NC COASTAL RESOURCES COMMISSION (CRC)**

**December 16, 2024**

**Virtual Meeting via Webex**

**Present CRC Members**

Renee Cahoon, Chair  
Neal Andrew, Vice-chair  
Larry Baldwin  
D.R. Bryan  
Bob Emory  
Jordan Hennessy  
Robert High  
Sheila Holman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-chair  
Earl Smith  
James "Robbie" Yates

**Present from the Office of the Attorney General**

Mary Lucasse

**Present from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the General Counsel**

Christine Goebel  
Colin Justice

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

CRC Chair Renee Cahoon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on December 16, 2024, reminding the Commissioners of the need to state any conflicts due to Executive Order Number 34 and the State Government Ethics Act. The State Government Ethics Act mandates that at the beginning of each meeting the Chair remind all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire as to whether any member knows of a conflict of interest or potential conflict with respect to matters to come before the Commission. The Chair requested that if any member knows of a conflict of interest or a potential conflict of interest, they state when the roll is called. Commissioners King, Salter, and Shuttleworth were absent. No conflicts were reported, and based upon this roll call Chair Cahoon declared a quorum.

**VARIANCES**

**NC Department of Transportation (CRC-VR-24-13)**

**Stephen Lane, DCM & Christy Goebel, Esq./Colin Justice, Esq.**

Christy Goebel represented staff and stated Special Deputy Attorney General Colin Justice is present virtually and represents NCDOT. Petitioner proposes to protect Highway NC12 with a new sandbag structure. DCM issued a modification to NCDOT's CAMA Major Permit 86-99, but conditioned out the aspects of the proposed sandbag structure which did not meet the Commission's rules including the size and color of the sandbags, the size of the sandbag structure, and the impacts to the existing dunes. Stephen Lane reviewed the site of the variance request. Ms. Goebel reviewed the stipulated facts of the variance request and stated staff and Petitioner agree on all four statutory criteria which must be met in order to grant the variance

request. Colin Justice reviewed the stipulated facts which he contends supports the granting of the variance request.

**Neal Andrew made a motion that unnecessary hardships result from strict application of the rules, standards, or orders issued by the Commission. Larry Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Cahoon, Andrew, Baldwin, Bryan, Emory, Hennessey, High, Holman, Smith, Yates).**

**Neal Andrew made a motion that hardships result from conditions that are peculiar to the property. Larry Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Cahoon, Andrew, Baldwin, Bryan, Emory, Hennessey, High, Holman, Smith, Yates).**

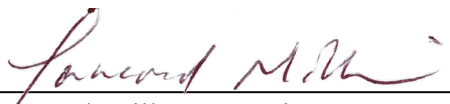
**Neal Andrew made a motion that hardships do not result from actions taken by the Petitioner. Larry Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Cahoon, Andrew, Baldwin, Bryan, Emory, Hennessey, High, Holman, Smith, Yates).**

**Neal Andrew made a motion that the variance request is consistent with the spirit, purpose, and intent of the rules standards or orders issued by the Commission; will secure the public safety and welfare; and will preserve substantial justice. Larry Baldwin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (Cahoon, Andrew, Baldwin, Bryan, Emory, Hennessey, High, Holman, Smith, Yates).**

The variance request was granted.

With no further business, the CRC adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Tancred Miller, Executive Secretary

  
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Angela Willis, Recording Secretary