



BOARD AGENDA ITEM

TYPE OF AGENDA ITEM:

- CONSENT
- PRESENTATION
- REGULAR
- PUBLIC HEARING
 - Duly Advertised

PURPOSE OF ITEM:

- INFORMATION / DISCUSSION
- DISCUSSION AND / OR DECISION
 - Resolution
 - Ordinance
 - Motion

PRESENTER: George Bains

TITLE: Deputy County Administrator

AGENDA TITLE: Aberdeen Creek Dredging Update

BACKGROUND / SUMMARY: As the Board is aware, the County has been involved with a Virginia Port Authority (VPA) dredging grant managed by the Middle Peninsula Planning District Commission (PDC) since 2022. The original plan to utilize a portion of the Middle Peninsula State Park property for storing the dredge spoils until they could be repurposed, will not work because of the restrictions put on the amount of acreage and time that the land could be utilized. Over the last year, the PDC has been exploring different options for moving the dredging project forward. To start, twenty-two options were reviewed and ten were vetted with pricing and additional exploration. The PDC developed and submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) for a \$1.7 million grant for design and construction of a dredged material land reclamation and flood protection project that would use the dredged material to restore an upland spit and tidal marsh. The grant application was successful and will allow the project to move forward.

The PDC will continue to manage both the VPA and DCR grants and the County will need to update the MOU with the PDC for the work on the DCR grant. The best-case scenario is that the bids for the use of the dredged material for the design and construction of the upland spit and tidal marsh will show that the work can be done under the cost of the grant funds and that no additional funds will be needed. It's possible however that the final plan will require County funds to complete. No funds are being asked for at this time. The Board will be kept informed about the work and the potential cost to consider for future budgeting. The worst-case scenario if additional County funds are required that the Board of Supervisors is not able to commit, the grant funds will be forfeited.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

REQUESTED ACTION:

- NO ACTION REQUESTED

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