

RESOLUTION 18-2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAPPROPRIATION OF AID TO LOCAL PORTS FUNDING (FY18) TO NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, in September 1986, the Virginia General Assembly established the Commonwealth Port Fund in order to support port capital needs of all ocean, river or tributary ports within the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority adopted a Policy on Grants to Local Governments for Financial Assistance for Port Facilities (Aid to Local Ports Policy) on July 28, 1987, which Policy was last amended on November 18, 2014; and

WHEREAS, in FY17 Northampton County received \$42,295 in Aid to Local Port funds for the dredging of Willis Wharf with carryover funds totaling approximately \$98,705.16; and

WHEREAS, in FY18 Northampton County received \$26,250 in Aid to Local Port funds for the Morley's Wharf project. The approximate cost of the Morley's Wharf project is \$85,000; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Aid to Local Ports Policy, the following entity has submitted a statement declaring the need for urgent funding:

Northampton County requests reappropriation from their original dredging project award of Willis Wharf Harbor to the replacement of boat docks serving the Morley's Wharf boat ramp. Due to zoning and permitting issues and complications with the spoils disposal site design, the total cost of the Willis Wharf Harbor project has far exceeded the original estimate. However, the boat docks at the Morley's Wharf boat ramp are in need of immediate attention. These docks have become extremely deteriorated and hazardous to users and this boat ramp is heavily used by commercial watermen and the public;

WHEREAS, Northampton County has an Aid to Local Ports funding balance estimated at \$95,705 for the Willis Wharf Harbor and they desire to reappropriate \$37,500 toward the replacement of the boat docks at Morley's Wharf boat ramp. With this reallocation, a total of \$63,750 in grant funds will be available for Northampton County to complete the Morley's Wharf project. The county will be responsible for the remaining 25 percent as the required match under the Aid to Local Ports program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority that the requested Aid to Local Ports funding, in the amount of \$37,000, shall be reappropriated for the Morley's Wharf boat ramp project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd of January 2018.

John G. Milliken, Chairman

Attest:

Debra J. McNulty, Secretary