

**VIRGINIA PORT AUTHORITY  
RESOLUTION 20-9**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING WATERWAY MAINTENANCE GRANT FUNDING (FY21) TOTALING AN ESTIMATED \$1,405,000 TO THE COUNTY OF ACCOMACK, COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER, COUNTY OF MATHEWS, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, THE MIDDLE PENINSULA CHESAPEAKE BAY PUBLIC ACCESS AUTHORITY, AND THE COUNTY OF NORTHAMPTON.**

**WHEREAS**, in May 2018, the Virginia General Assembly established the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Program, to be administered by the Virginia Port Authority, in order to support shallow draft dredging projects throughout the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners found it necessary and in the public interest, pursuant to its statutory responsibility, to establish a policy governing disbursement of the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Fund to local governmental entities for financial assistance for dredging activities in order to foster and stimulate the flow of commerce through the waterways of Virginia, such policy ("Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Policy") was adopted on July 24, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the Virginia Waterway Maintenance Grant Policy, the following entities have applied for grants for the purposes indicated:

**County of Accomack**, up to \$307,000 for pre-planning activities to address the dredging needs of Wachapreague Channel and Folly Creek;

**County of Gloucester**, up to \$175,000 for pre-planning activities to address the dredging needs of Cedarbush Creek;

**County of Mathews**, up to \$150,000 for pre-planning activities to address the dredging needs of Winter Harbor;

**County of Middlesex**, up to \$150,000 for pre-planning activities to address the dredging needs of Parrots Creek;

**Middle Peninsula Chesapeake Bay Public Access Authority**, up to \$297,000 for the development of a Local Government Business Dredging Implementation Plan; and

**County of Northampton**, up to \$326,000 for pre-planning activities to address the dredging needs of Red Bank Creek, Nassawadox Creek, and Hungars Creek.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Virginia Port Authority that:

- I. Grants will be made up to the individual amounts and for the purposes indicated above.

2. Funds will be made available following the approval of certified requisitions which are accompanied by supporting documentation provided to the Virginia Port Authority as provided for in the Waterway Maintenance Fund Grant Policy.
3. The grantees are required to return any unused funds from these grants to the Virginia Port Authority.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

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John G. Milliken, Chairman

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Debra J. McNulty, Secretary