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## Minutes of the October 17, 2017 Meeting Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee

The meeting of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac, Virginia.

### Members Present:

Daniel Hershey  
Elaine Meil  
Grayson Chesser  
Jim Belote  
John Salm  
Paul Muhly, Vice Chairman  
Robert Meyers

### Members Absent:

Charles Kolakowski  
Eugene R. Hampton  
Granville Hogg, Chairman  
Mike Mason

### Others Present:

Ann Violi, Person of concern  
Cole Charnock, ESSWCD  
Curt Smith, A-NPDC  
David Liu, NASA  
Dirk Lynch, MSA P.C.  
Joseph Betit, Accomack County Citizen  
Lee Ann Fick, Accomack County Citizen  
Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC  
TJ Meyer, NASA



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### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Muhly called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM.

2. Presentation via Webinar from VDEQ headquarters, Richmond. Randy McFarland, USGS, presented *Hydrogeologic framework and hydrologic conditions of the Eastern Shore Aquifer System*. Staff is to add a link to the presentation on the A-NPDC web site, once made available by VDEQ. Discussion ensued and Members are to email questions to staff and/or be prepared to discuss with McFarland during the November meeting.

### 3. Review of the August 15, 2017 Minutes

**Committee Member Meyers moved to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Belote, carried unanimously.**

### 4. Financial Status Report

The FY 2018 Financial Status Report was presented.

**Committee Member Meyers moved to approve the FY2018 financial status. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Hampton, carried unanimously following discussion about the Household Hazardous Waste Collection line item and potential collaboration with NASA (staff is to research).**

### 5. Staff Update

The following staff updates were presented:

#### Committee Attendance Record

The FY2017 Committee Attendance Record was presented.

#### Environmental Reviews and Permits

##### *VA Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program*

Staff pointed out the significance of the VPDES draft permit public notice for four poultry operations, as they would be the first of their kind in the Commonwealth. Discussion ensued. Staff is to research with VDEQ and the EPA and is to bring a full list of active VPDES permits on the Eastern Shore to the November meeting for Committee consideration.

#### Other Items

*Emphasizing the Importance of Utilizing the Columbia Aquifer* – Staff presented that only 1 of the ESRH facilities has geothermal heating systems, which have shown to be inefficient.

*Chincoteague Wells, VDEQ Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Compliance Initiative* – Mr. Matthew Link of VDEQ was not present as he was in attendance at VDEQ headquarters.

*Staff presented the following Public Workshops & Outreach events* – Staff presented progress on the Second Annual Well & Septic Forum, to be held at ESCC Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.



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## 5. Consultant Report:

The consultant was not in attendance, as he was present at VDEQ headquarters. He will update the Committee at the November meeting.

## 6. Other Matters:

- Committee Member Meyers presented a brief update on progress made including some residents near Wagner Borrow Pit in the VT Water Clinic. Fourteen of the nineteen adjacent residents are thought to have participated. Additional work will be necessary for unique sample data. A more prepared and collaborative approach will be taken when working with VT in the future.

## 7. Public Participation:

Mr. Joe Betit, resident of Accomack County, gave the Committee an update on progress of the Citizen Committee concerning data collection and online mapping initiative.

Ms. Anne Violi, resident of Accomack County, asked questions concerning the method by which VDOT and/or the electric company uses to eliminate vegetation on the roadside and near/under power lines.

## 8. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for November 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac.

Chairman Muhly adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

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Paul Muhly, Chairman

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Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary