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Minutes of the November 21, 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, November 21, 2017 in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac, Virginia.

Members Present:

Charles Kolakowski
Daniel Hershey
Elaine Meil
Eugene R. Hampton
Granville Hogg, Vice Chairman
Grayson Chesser
Jim Belote
Paul Muhly, Chairman
Robert Meyers

Members Absent:

John Salm
Mike Mason

Others Present:

Britt McMillan, ARCADIS
Charles Kolakowski, Northampton County
Cole Charnock, ESSWCD
Curt Smith, A-NPDC
Curtis Consolvo, GeoResources, Inc.
Dirk Lynch, MSA P.C.
Jay Ford, VES
Jon Richardson, ESHD
Joseph Betit, Accomack County Citizen
Ken Dufty, Eastern Shore COQ
Mathew Link, VDEQ
Randy McFarland, USGS
Richard Snyder, VIMS ESL
Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC



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1. Call to Order

Chairman Muhly called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. Review of the October 17, 2017 Minutes

Vice Chairman Hogg moved to approve the Minutes of the October 17, 2017 meeting. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Meyers, carried unanimously.

3. Financial Status Report

The FY 2018 Financial Status Report and FY19 Budget requests for Accomack County and Northampton Committee were presented.

Committee Member Meyers moved to approve the FY2018 financial status and both the Accomack County and Northampton County FY2019 Budget Requests. The motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Hogg, carried unanimously.

4. 2017 Ground Water Award

Committee Member Meyers brought attention to Wallops for their environmental monitoring and attention to the Chincoteague wells. There was no other discussion. Members are to nominate candidates during the January 2019 meeting.

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 presented the list of active VPDES permits on the Eastern Shore (total 19) for Committee consideration. Staff informed the Committee that there is to be a public hearing concerning the four VPDES for poultry operations that were discussed during the October meeting.

Other Items

VDEQ Update: Chincoteague Wells, Groundwater Withdrawal Permit Compliance Initiative – Mr. Matthew Link of VDEQ provided an update. The Compliance Initiative ends December 15th. There have been four permits applications received.

Staff presented an update concerning the Water Clinic and summary data, however, further discussion was tabled until the January meeting to allow staff to review direct data from Virginia Tech.



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Staff presented an update concerning the SHIFT initiative and revisited letters sent to representatives in 2015, 2016, and early 2017 with regards to SHIFT, HB558, and HB2477.

Vice Chairman Hogg made a motion to send a letter to Delegate Bloxom, Senator Lewis, and Governor-elect Northam with a background about the issue and the concerns for the Eastern Shore. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Meyers, carried unanimously.

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

USGS EM-Logging

Randy McFarland presented the results interpretation for the August 2017 logging. USGS is to add in an informational component using local land-use knowledge into the log interpretation documentation. USGS indicated the need for additional sampling wells for the logging program and for the water level network. Staff and the Committee are to work together and with VDEQ and USGS to locate potential new sampling sites.

6. Consultant Report:

The consultant provided contributions during the USGS presentation.

7. Other Matters:

Vice Chairman Hogg raised concerns about the water quality, identified from the Water Clinic laboratory analysis, from wells sourced from the unconfined aquifer on bayside property in Northampton County. Discussion ensued.

8. Public Participation:

None.

9. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for January 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac.

Chairman Muhly adjourned the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

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Paul Muhly, Chairman

Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary