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Minutes of the May 15, 2018 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, May 15, 2018 in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac, Virginia.

Members Present:

Charles Kolakowski
Daniel Hershey
Grayson Chesser
John Salm
John Coker, Vice Chairman
Michael Mason
Paul Muhly, Chairman
Robert Meyers

Members Absent:

Elaine Meil
Eugene R. Hampton

Others Present:

Anne Violi, Eastern Shore COG
Britt McMillan, ARCADIS
Cole Charnock, ESSWCD
Curt Smith, A-NPDC
Curtis Consolvo, GeoResources, Inc.
Dirk Lynch, MSA P.C.
Janet Sturgis, Northampton Citizen
Jeff Poulterer, Eastern Shore Locavores
Jim West, Town of Chincoteague
Jon Richardson, ESHD
Joseph Betit, Accomack Citizen
Ken Dufty, Eastern Shore COG
Linda Cicoira, Eastern Shore Post
Mathew Link, VDEQ-OWS
Meriwether Payne, Accomack Citizen
Rich Morrison, Accomack County
Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC
Sue Mastyl, CBES



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1. Call to Order

Chairman Muhly called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

2. Review of the April 17, 2018 Minutes

The draft minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting were amended. The last two words on page 6, "Mr. Dufty," were removed. The name of the public participant at the top of page 7 was changed from "Sandra Beerends" to "Ann Violi".

Committee Member Salm moved to approve the Minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting as amended. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Meyers, carried unanimously.

3. 2018 Financial Status Report

The FY 2018 Financial Status Report was presented. Brief discussion ensued with regards to the HHWC costs and with regards to staff support funding needs.

Committee Member Meyers moved to approve the FY2018 financial status report. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Hershey, carried unanimously.

4. Staff Update

In order to allow time for the consultant presentation and other items, staff limited reporting. The following staff updates were presented:

Committee Attendance Record

The FY2018 Committee Attendance Record was presented.

Public Comment Policy and Agenda Order

Draft By-laws including the amendments proposed by members during the April 17, 2018 meeting were presented. These changes include moving the Public Participation portion of the meeting from item 7 to item 2 on the meeting agenda.

Committee Member Meyers moved to adopt the Committee By-laws as amended. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Chessner, carried unanimously.

No action was taken to adopt a public participation policy.

Environmental Reviews and Permits

Staff reported that there were no current public notices from VDEQ for the Eastern Shore. VDEQ staff Matthew Link confirmed.

Other Items

Recharge Area Discussion

The consultant reported that updating and improving the certainty of the boundaries of the recharge area is an ongoing research need, and one that cannot be met until the overall groundwater model is improved as well. Staff reported that there were two pieces of legislation developed as a result



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of the rural coastal Virginia stormwater workgroup that were signed by the Governor in March that would be relevant to the discussion of stormwater management reforms for the Eastern Shore. Staff is to request that VIMS produce an impervious percentage map for two HUCS for each County, one on the coast and one on the spine.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Staff presented the updated HHWC Historic Summary and the success of the May 5th event. Discussion concerning the lack of appropriate asbestos disposal options on the Eastern Shore ensued. Staff is to include a plan for the region for asbestos waste in the VDH Wellhead Protection Implementation grant application. Committee Member Belote indicated the importance of cleaning up the Shore for the success of the region. Committee Member Hershey indicated the need for a large storage capacity to safely hold asbestos waste prior to collection.

VDEQ Update

Mr. Matthew Link presented that VDEQ plans to have all of the groundwater withdrawal applications administratively complete by July 1, 2018.

Upcoming Events

June 2 – Annual Clean the Bay Day; Guard Shore Beach and Road

June 2 – 10 Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week

5. Consultant Report:

The consultant provided information about legislation in the current General Assembly, including HB211, HB358, & SB520. HB885, 887, & 888.

The consultant gave a draft (approximately 80% complete) new presentation, *Metrics used to Evaluate Sustainable Groundwater Use*, which was prepared in response to questions raised following previous presentations.

6. Other Matters:

Chairman Muhly pointed fellow Members and all meeting attendees to the website as an excellent source of information and presented that there is a new resource, the groundwater dictionary.

7. Public Participation:

Mrs. Sue Mastyl raised a question about recharge and use, referring to the Perdue wells referenced in the consultant's new draft presentation.



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Mr. Granville Hogg raised several issues:

1. Underground Storage Tank tracking and inclusion in the GW plan;
2. Northampton County Comprehensive Plan was not included in the packet, only Accomack County documents;
3. Options for using existing wells on private property as observation wells;
4. Consider former facilities near Perdue when assessing historic trends. Byrd Foods and the Town of Parksley are within a proximity to the Perdue plant as well.

Mrs. Sue Mastyl mentioned the natural gas pipeline from Maryland, and questioned potential risk to the groundwater resources. In reply, it was stated that the only potential groundwater issues are at compressor stations, not along the pipeline, and that technology and standards for the compressor stations are much improved and considered low risk.

Committee Member Belote suggested that staff provide a second sign in sheet at the beginning of the meeting for public that would like to provide comments.

8. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for June 19th, 2018 at 10:00 AM in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac.

Chairman Muhly adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

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Paul Muhly, Chairman

Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary