



Minutes of the May 16, 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, May 16, 2017 in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac, Virginia.

Members Present:

Elaine Meil
Eugene R. Hampton
Granville Hogg, Chairman
Grayson Chesser
Jim Belote
John Salm
Paul Muhly, Vice Chairman
Robert Meyers

Members Absent:

Daniel Hershey
John Andrzejewski
Mike Mason

Others Present:

Billy Joe Tarr, Accomack Board of Supervisors (District 1)
Britt McMillan, Ground Water Consultant
Cole Charnock, ESSWCD
Curt Smith, A-NPDC
David O. Matson, ESHD
David Liu, NASA
Jeremy Eggers, NASA
Jon Richardson, ESHD
Matthew Link, VDEQ
Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC
Tim Getek, Accomack County Wetlands Board
TJ Meyer, NASA



1. Call to Order

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

2. Review of the April 18, 2017 Minutes

Committee Member Meyers moved to approve the Minutes of the April 18, 2017 meeting. The motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Muhly, carried unanimously with Committee Member Salm abstaining.

3. Financial Status Report

Committee Member Meyers moved to approve the financial status appended with the April report. The motion, seconded by Committee Vice Chairman Muhly, carried unanimously.

4. Staff Update

The following staff updates were presented:

Committee Attendance Record

The FY2017 Committee Attendance Record was presented.

Environmental Reviews and Permits

Staff presented that the public comment period for the US Coast Guard, Chincoteague VAPDES permit opened for public comment on April 17.

Other Items

EVGMAC – Staff presented summary of the third meeting, held on May 15th. Some topics discussed were potential trading/banking or groundwater credits, alternative management structures, permitting and planning structures, etc.

Nutrient Trading Program – Staff reported that the Tyson Farms, Inc. and Town of Tangier Agreement has been signed by both parties and submitted to the VA Nutrient Credit Exchange.

Staff presented the following Public Workshops & Outreach events – Exmore Earth Day Festival, Master Gardeners presentation, The Second Annual Well & Septic Forum will be held in conjunction with the Clinic Kickoff Meeting (AREC, early Oct.) or the interpretation meeting (mid-Nov.). The Water Clinic is set for Oct. 11th. SERCAP is to subsidize the cost for households. Staff meets with Accomack and Northampton County extension agents Friday May 19th to plan.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Staff presented the historic summary table of the collection.

Committee Member Salm moved to provide a letter of support to staff for the VDH Wellhead Protection Implementation Project grant for a permanent hazardous waste collection site in the region. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Belote, carried unanimously.



Wagner Borrow Pit

Staff presented that a letter was sent to DMME, DEQ, and the SWCB. Discussion about this issue ensued, including unofficial comment from a VIMS representative, a sampling quote, and discussion about saltwater content of the spoil and the potential consequences of changing the geochemistry at the site.

Informational Items

Staff presented the article by the Cape Charles Mirror: Has the Northampton Board of Supervisors Put Groundwater at Risk, in conjunction with the Wagner Borrow Pit discussion.

5. Consultant Report:

Technical/Regulatory/Educational Items

The consultant reported on the EVGMAC progress and Work Groups during the earlier EVGMAC discussion.

PFAS and NASA WFF

Consultant gave a presentation about Polyfluoroalkyl as an emerging contaminant. NASA representatives reported on a timeline of the last six month's events and current actions being taken to ensure safe public drinking water. Discussion ensued.

6. Other Matters:

None.

7. Public Participation:

None.

8. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for June 20, 2017 at 10:00 AM in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac.

Chairman Hogg adjourned the meeting at 11:53 p.m.

Granville Hogg, Chairman

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Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary