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Minutes of the April 16, 2024 Meeting
Eastern Shore of Virginia Groundwater Committee

The meeting of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Groundwater Committee was held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. It was held in the hybrid format - virtually on the ZOOM Platform and in person at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce's board room in Melfa, Virginia.

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*Signifies Zoom participation



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1. Call to Order

Chairman Coker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Public Participation

A few residents from Onancock, VA, addressed the committee with fears about the potential for saltwater intrusion in their wells resulting from the new development in Onancock, VA. They voiced concern how this would affect their wells. Discussion ensued with the increased volume of water needed.

3. Minutes of the March 19, 2024 Meeting

Adoption of the minutes for March 19, 2024, were requested.

Member Grossman and Member Mastyl noted the slight correction of the members absent needed to reflect Paul Grossman, Steve Sturgis, and Mike Mason.

With the above correction Member Grossman moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2024, meeting as presented. It was seconded by Member Mastyl, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

4. March Financial Status Report

The March Financial Status Report was presented.

Member Grossman moved to approve the March Financial Status Report as presented. It was seconded by Member Mastyl, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

5. March 19, 2024 Staff Report

Staff updated the committee on the active Groundwater Withdrawal permits in Accomack County, VA, and Northampton County, VA. Staff also reminded the committee of the Exmore Earth Day event.

Groundwater Withdrawal in Accomack County, Virginia - GW0049201

Public Comment period: March 8, 2024 - April 8, 2024

Applicant name, address and permit number: Town of Onancock, 15 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417;

GW0049201

Name and Location of Water Withdrawal: Town of Onancock Water System; 15 North Street, Onancock, VA 23417

Groundwater Withdrawal in Northampton County, Virginia - GW0069901

Public Comment period: March 15, 2024 - April 15, 2024

Applicant name, address and permit number: Kuzzens Inc.; 3769 Grapeland Circle, Exmore, VA 23350; GW0069901

Name and Location of Water Withdrawal: Tipton Farm; Seaside Road, Marionville, VA 23408



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Groundwater Withdrawal in Accomack County, Virginia - GW0069101

Public Comment period: March 15, 2024 - April 15, 2024

Applicant name, address and permit number: Kuzzens Inc.; 3769 Grapeland Circle, Exmore, VA. 23350; GW0069101

Name and Location of Water Withdrawal: Melfa Farm; Fair Oaks Road (St. Rt. 672), Melfa, VA. 23410

Groundwater Withdrawal in Northampton County, Virginia - GW0053801

Public Comment period: March 22, 2024 - April 22, 2024

Applicant name, address and permit number: Kuzzen's Inc.; 3769 Grapeland Circle, Exmore, VA. 23350; GW0053801

Name and Location of Water Withdrawal: Kuzzen's KMC Camp; 20508 Pat Town Road, Cheriton, VA. 23316

Date and time	Meeting title	Organization
Apr-20 2024 (Sat)	10:00 am	"Return to Our Roots" - Exmore Earth Day 2024
		Town of Exmore

Member Mastyl also reminded the committee about the reshooting of the PBS documentary, Against the Current, which will be airing on PBS on April 24, 2024, at 8:00 p.m. This can also be viewed on Youtube.

In old business, the GWC has reviewed the Groundwater Withdrawal Permit for the Town of Onancock. Staff attached a copy of the Comment on Draft Town of Onancock (GW0053901) Permit letter which will be sent to Eric Seavey at Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

In new business, staff introduced Faith Lewis to the committee. Moving forward she will be drafting committee minutes and assisting Planning Staff with GWC website content and administrative tasks.

6. Residential Well Testing Program

Staff informed the GWC the RFP has been drafted. A-NPDC staff wanted to review the draft before releasing it. Member Walker has included definitions for quantitative and qualitative testing/analysis in the draft copy. Chairman Coker requested a schedule for the RFP and plan steps to follow.

7. Groundwater Outreach and Education

A sample of a trifold flyer was given to the committee. The committee discussed the flyer and requested it should include factual information with the # gallons a day for withdrawals and the depth should be mentioned. They also discussed the terminology, "dangers", referring to contamination from fertilizer should not be used.

Member Mastyl mentioned she was unable to attend the event Friday with the Virginia Organizing. The focus for this event was lower income locations with failing septic systems. Chairman Coker mentioned A-NPDC helps clients with failing septic systems. This is something maybe organizations could benefit from each of their work.



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GWC will be partnering with Grace Holmes, from Virginia DEQ to handout flyers at the Earth Day event. Member Walker mentioned the opportunity to make a sheet regarding the public's concern or major issue they would like clarified or be informed.

8. April 16, 2024 Groundwater Consultant Report

GWC Advisor McMillan referred to two permits submitted. KMC Camp due on 4/22/2024 and Seybolt Farms due on 5/6/2024. KMC is requesting the same amount as their current withdrawal. Seybolt Farms is requesting withdrawal amounts lower than their current permit. Discussion ensued. GWC Advisor spoke of the special conditions and withdrawal amounts. Graphics were shown on the screen to show the committee certain information. A copy of the presentation was attached to the GWC packet.

9. Attachments

10. Scheduled Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for the Groundwater Committee will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce's board room in Melfa, Virginia.

11. Adjournment

Member Grossman made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Member Mastyl, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

John Coker, Chairman

Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary/Treasurer