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Minutes of the January 21, 2025 Meeting Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee

The meeting of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Ground Water Committee was held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. It was held in person at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce's board room in Melfa, Virginia.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
John Coker, Chairman	Charles Kolakowski	Britt McMillan / ARCADIS
Calvin Washington Sr. / Vice Chairman	Mike Mason	Rita Chandler / A-NPDC
Sue Mastyl	Grayson Chesser	
Daniel Hershey		
Paul Grossman		
Elaine Meil / A-NPDC		
Ann Hayward Walker		
Steve Sturgis		

**No Zoom available this meeting.*



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1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Coker called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. **Public Participation**

No public participation at this meeting.

3. **Minutes of the November 19, 2024 Meeting and Committee Attendance Record**

Approval of the minutes for November 19, 2024, and the Committee Attendance Record were requested.

Member Mastyl moved to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2024 meeting and the Committee Attendance Record, as amended. It was seconded by Member Washington, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

4. **Financial Status Report**

The December Financial Status Report was presented.

It was noted that this is the last year of the Arcadis contract. A new contract for next period is being drafted now.

Member Grossman moved to approve the December Financial Status Report and pay the bills as presented. It was seconded by Member Mastyl. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

6. **January 21, 2025 Staff Report**

Old Business:

Residential Well Testing Update:

The residential well testing collection was a success. Samples were collected between October 28 through October 31. Britt McMillan will be presenting on the testing results in his report.

Water Supply Planning

The register was submitted for the towns and counties that chose to participate with A-NPDC.

New Business:

None.

7. **Eastern Shore of VA Ground Water Resource Protection & Preservation Plan**

The Eastern Shore of VA Ground Water Resource Protection & Preservation Plan needs to be updated. The current plan is in the link below.



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<https://www.esvaplan.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/ESVA-Groundwater-Resource-Protection-And-Preservation-Plan-2013-Full-Plan.pdf>

Discussion of the Groundwater Resource Protection and Preservation Plan included the following topics:

- Should water testing continue in the next plan?
- Britt requested that surficial aquifer testing and yield be included. Specific, untested wells that already exist should be tested for minimum and maximum flows per minute, specific water quality and yield.
- Measurements of water level drops as water is extracted should be done
- Sue Mastyl suggested funds should be spent on education and outreach. This should include high school science projects to ensure the next generation is focused on groundwater protection and preservation
- Ann Walker agreed that qualitative educational projects should be included in the planning for the update
- Section 3.2 should include measurements of surface water and information to help understand the measurements. There is a need to achieve balance, and encourage the use of the Columbia aquifer
- Section 4 should include a review and impact statement for the Exmore HRSD project
- Section 5.1 needs to have process sections included in the update
- Incorporate legislation in the plan document
- Consider adding an updated flyer to the website that explains what we do
- Create and approve a mission statement for the plan
- Rather than providing an amendment memo only, include the amendments into the plan document and include the most current version with amendment date listed on the plan document(s)
- Prepare red-line document, place on agenda for review and approval of final update at meeting.

The committee agreed to move forward with the scope changes by consensus.

8. **January 21, 2025 Groundwater Consultant Report**

The GWC discussed the Brady Poultry Farms draft permit. Mr. McMillan gave a short presentation. Discussion and questions and answers ensued. Brady Poultry Farms, LLC is a brand new withdrawal permitted for the Yorktown. The permittee has not yet drilled Yorktown wells and the permit requires the permittee to conduct an alternative source investigation of the surficial aquifer within the next ten years. Mr. McMillan noted that a well costs about \$5,000 and the testing costs another \$5,000 and could be tested now before the deep wells were installed.



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Chairman Coker and various members of the Committee expressed concerns that DEQ and the current regulations are not adequately protecting ground water. The consensus of the Committee is that since the wells have not been installed, the surficial aquifer should be evaluated for use now. The Committee requested Britt McMillan draft and submit a comment requesting DEQ require the surficial aquifer to be tested prior to installation of the deep wells.

9. **Attachments**

10. **Scheduled Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting for the Ground Water Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 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 Coker made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Member Grossman, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

John Coker, Chairman

Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary/Treasurer