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Minutes of the October 21, 2025 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, October 21, 2025. It was held in person at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce's boardroom in Melfa, Virginia.

<u>Members Present</u>	<u>Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Calvin Washington Sr. / Vice Chairman	John Coker / Chairman	Britt McMillan / ARCADIS
Sue Mastyl	Steve Sturgis	Faith Lewis / A-NPDC
Ann Hayward Walker	Charles Kolakowski	Curtis Consolvo / Geo Resources *
Grayson Chesser	Daniel Hershey	Ben Young / E. S. Soil & Water Conservation Department
Paul Grossman		Lucy Earl / E. S. Soil & Water Conservation Department
Elaine Meil / A-NPDC		Carmie Ross / E. S. Soil & Water Conservation Department*
Mike Mason		Katherine Morille / Vaulted Deep
		Sona Chaudhary / Vaulted Deep
		Patrick Whalen / Vaulted Deep
		MK Vereen / Vaulted Deep
		Jeffry Tahtouh / Vaulted Deep*
		Yashesh Panchal / Vaulted Deep*
		Jason Pope / USGS *
		Jay Ford / Chesapeake Bay Foundation*
		Anne Doyle / A-NPDC*
		Sherry Dudas / A-NPDC*



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** Participated by Zoom*

		Granville Hogge
		Lee Pambid, Accomack County
		Ken Dufty
		Sheila Traina
		Jessica Rose Celik
		Dixon Leatherbury*
		Joseph Betit, Earth Systems Management
		Brian Collins*
		B. Martinez*
		Bob Meyers*
		3013997290*
		David Redinger, Tyson
		Muhammad Paryez
		Hamza Muhammad
		Suraya Williams*

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1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

Ken Dufty submitted comments, summarized below, and the October 9, 2025, Mother Jones article "Scientists Suspect Fracking Contaminated This Pennsylvania Town's Wells". Mr. Dufty made comments about the usefulness of manure, the cost to spread composted manure, its use, and value as fertilizer. According to a search he did on Amazon, a 40 lb bag of composted chicken manure costs \$40. He stated his belief that the hydrogeology of the Eastern Shore was created by a meteor strike 35.5 million years ago and that its crater needs more study. He urged the Committee to use



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the precautionary principle and, if a negative environmental or public health impact could occur, it should be assumed it would occur and “prepare for that end result.” He stated that potable water from the Yorktown complex is not a renewable resource.

Granville Hogge has concerns regarding a stormwater management pond on Cherrystone Road. NH County approved the subdivision, which included this stormwater management pond. This created the discharge of groundwater, 2.5 feet below the seasonal groundwater level. Groundwater can be discharged 24/7, 365 days a year. Mr. Hogge stated that this has a 36-42 inch pipeline that discharges into Cherrystone Creek. He feels the pipe needs to be fixed so it meets the level of the seasonal groundwater level. He would like the Groundwater Committee to write a letter stating that this is a waste of groundwater and needs to be investigated and fixed.

3. Member Grossman made a motion to revise the agenda and to move the presentation from Vaulted Deep to the next agenda item. Seconded by Member Walker, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.
4. Vaulted Deep is a company, based in Houston, Texas, that permanently stores organic materials deep underground - providing waste management and carbon removal solutions to support clean land, air, and water. Katherine Morille, Patrick Whalen, Sona Chaudhary, and M.K. Vereen introduced their company with a presentation. They explained some topics, such as providing a beneficial waste disposal solution for DAF waste, the carbon removal process, and their regulated safety protocols. Discussion ensued.
5. Member Grossman made a motion to table the remaining agenda items. Seconded by Member Mastyl, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.
6. There were no other matters presented at this time.
7. Scheduled Next Meeting for November 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.
8. Adjournment
Member Grossman made the motion to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. It was seconded by Member Walker, and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

John Coker, Chairman

Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary/Treasurer