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1. **Call to Order**
   Vice Chairman Washington called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. **Paul Muhly Presentation**
   Paul Muhly's daughter, Alexandra Muhly, was present for the meeting. Member Grossman requested the presentation to Paul Muhly's family to be moved at this time. This would prevent the family from having to remain for the full meeting.

   Vice Chairman Washington presented to Alexandra Muhly a silver cup engraved for the appreciation of the time Paul Muhly served on the Eastern Shore of VA Ground Water Committee. He will be sorely missed for the interest he demonstrated while serving on the GW Committee.

   Alexandra Muhly appreciated her father being remembered for his contributions and thanked the Ground Water Committee for keeping his memory alive.

3. **Public Participation**
   There was no public participation at this time.

4. **Minutes of the January 20, 2026 Meeting & February 17, 2026 Work Session & Committee Attendance**
   Approval of the minutes for the January 20, 2026 Meeting and the Committee Attendance Record were requested. Member Mastyl requested some corrections be made in the minutes.

   Member Grossman moved to approve the amended minutes from the January 20, 2026 meeting and the Committee Attendance Record. It was seconded by Member Hershey, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

   Approval of the minutes for the February 17, 2026 Work Session and the Committee Attendance Record were requested. Member Mastyl requested some corrections be made in the minutes.

   Member Grossman moved to approve the amended minutes from the February 17, 2026 Work Session and the Committee Attendance Record. It was seconded by Member Mastyl, the motion was carried by unanimous vote with one abstention.

   At the previous meeting minutes GWC McMillan recommended the GWC to send a comment to DEQ regarding the Commonwealth Chesapeake Power Station renewal permit. Member Mastyl made a motion to have GWC McMillan send a comment to DEQ regarding Commonwealth

Chesapeake Power Station renewal permit. Member Grossman seconded the motion. It was carried by unanimous vote.

5. **Financial Status Report**

The Financial Status Report was presented. Member Grossman asked GWC McMillan to get the invoices in as soon as possible. This would benefit the accuracy of the Financial Status Report and keep it up to date.

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

6. **March 17, 2026 Staff Report**

Helene Doughty, ANR Extension Agent for Northampton County, from the VA Cooperative Extension introduced Erin Ling, Senior Extension Specialist & Program Coordinator, from Virginia Tech Biological Systems Engineering Department. Ms. Ling gave a presentation on the VA Household Water Quality Program / VAHWQP. This presentation was a summary of the residential well test results that were performed at Virginia Tech.

The residential well tests are done for homeowners at a reduced cost. The water is for household use and is collected by the homeowner. After the results come back they are given to the homeowner with explanations of the water quality findings. The homeowners are also informed of any issues they need to focus on with action steps.

The Virginia Household Water Quality Program's sample collection in 2026 for Accomack and Northampton Counties will be on August 11, 2026. Registration will open soon. The costs for the 2026 kit will be $70.00 per kit.

Old Business:

Project Identification for FY 2026

The first working session identified some potential projects. Further discussion is needed to list the additional USGS recommendations and prioritize the projects. The GWC would like to take the April meeting and have an additional work session along with the standard business.

Member Mastyl made a motion to take the April meeting to have an additional work session prioritizing the projects the Committee would like to work on throughout the year. This was seconded by Member Grossman, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Ground Water Recognition
The GWC would like to forward the picture to the Eastern Shore Post of the presentation of the silver cup to the family of Paul Muhly. This was in recognition of Paul Muhly's contributions to the Ground Water Committee.

Letter to Governor Spanberger regarding legislation to prohibit activity
A formal letter from the GWC was delivered to Governor Spanberger on February 3, 2026 requesting legislation to formally prohibit activity, such as that requested by Vaulted Deep, that could impact the sole source aquifers, such as that on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

New Business:

Ground Water Week Campaign
National Groundwater Awareness week was March 8th-14th. Staff created a campaign for social media to test and collect the data on engagement. This was regarding the A-NPDC surveys for the Resilience Plan. In the future Member Mastyl thought it would be a good idea to get approval from the GWC and get a summary of what was presented and collected.

Special Election Needed to Fill Vacancy of the Chairman
According to Article IV of the Committee Bylaw, the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman are to alternate between the two counties with neither position representing the same county at the same time. The Chairman and Vice Chairman have a two consecutive term limit. Officer terms end in June.

Member Grossman wanted to hold off until the two spaces were filled on the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman - Vacant, Northampton County
Vice Chairman - Calvin Washington, Accomack County

Climate Resiliency Plan
Cora Baird emailed Member Mastyl regarding the Climate Resiliency Plan. A small piece of the plan involves ground water. They requested our input on the module that contained the ground water information.

7. **Groundwater Consultant Report**
The House bill (HB131) and Senate bill (SB784) has gone through the process and is on the Governor's desk awaiting a signature by April 13, 2026. This bill was for the Hydraulic fracturing; bioslurry injections; groundwater management area. It passed through the House and Senate without any nays.

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Senate Joint Resolution (No.268) recognizes farmers actively engaged in implementing important conservation practices that control nutrients, sediment, and other agricultural nonpoint source pollutants. Davis Farms was recognized for the Coastal Basin watershed area.

8. **Attachments**

9. **Other Matters**
There were no other matters at this time.

10. **Scheduled Next Meeting**
The next scheduled meeting for the Groundwater Committee will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce's Boardroom in Melfa, Virginia.

11. **Adjournment**
Member Grossman made the motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Member Hershey, the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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Calvin Washington, Vice Chairman

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Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary/Treasurer