

Minutes of the January 17, 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, January 17, 2017 in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac, Virginia.

Members Present:

Daniel Hershey
Eugene R. Hampton
Granville Hogg, Chairman
Jim Belote
John Salm
Paul Muhly, Vice Chairman
Robert Meyers

Members Absent:

Grayson Chesser Elaine Meil, Secretary John Andrzejewski Steve Miner

Others Present:

Cole Charnock, ESSWCD Curt Smith, A-NPDC Matthew Link, VDEQ Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC

1. Call to Order

Chairman Hogg called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

2. Welcome of New Committee Member

New Committee Member was welcomed to the Committee, filling the seat of Mr. Jeffries and appointed by the Accomack County Board of Supervisors. Introductions were completed.

3. Review of the November 15, 2016 Minutes

Committee Member Salm moved to approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting with the amendment replacing the word 'designated' with 'dedicated' found in item five. The motion seconded by Committee Member Meyers, carried unanimously.

4. Financial Status Report

Committee Member Belote moved to approve the financial status report pending updating the bills payable and the bills paid sections. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Meyers, carried unanimously.

5. Nomination for 2016 Ground Water Award

Staff presented a list of the previous Groundwater Awards recipients and a potential candidate that was discussed during the June 2016 meeting.

Committee Member Salm voted to award the 2016 Ground Water Award to the Commonwealth Chesapeake Company. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Hampton, carried unanimously.

6. Staff Update

The following Staff Updates were presented:

Committee Attendance Record

The FY2017 Committee Attendance Record was presented.

JLARC

Discussion ensued surrounding the JLARC and the report's lack of mention of the Committee and the reports suggestion for fees.

Committee Member Hampton moved to give staff the authority to draft a letter to be sent to our representatives, both County Board of Supervisors, and VDEQ explaining by the Eastern Shore of Virginia Groundwater Management Area should be exempted from the fees indicated in the JLARC. The motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Muhly, carried unanimously.

Environmental Reviews and Permits

VA Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program – Perdue Foods LLC recent public comment period for discharge to Parker & Folly Creek tributaries was discussed. Matthew Link of VDEQ is to provide an update as to the status of the inspector(s) responsible for monitoring on the Eastern Shore at the February meeting.

Informational Items

Delmarva water systems have high lead (by Jeremy Cox) newspaper article was discussed. The VA Household Water Quality Program will be offering a water clinic for the Eastern Shore most likely in October of 2017. The Committee is working with the VA Cooperative Extension to determine the role that the PDC and the Committee will have in outreach, etc. Staff is to email the Committee a list of all parameters to be included in the analysis.

Other Items

Public Workshop & Outreach

Staff discussed the Wells & Septic Forum held at the ESCC on December 6 at 6pm, which had 17 attendees. Staff will make further efforts in creating educational materials and designing an outreach program for well and septic users/owners.

6. Other Matters:

Discussion ensued concerning new storm water injection project (not the HRSD pilot program) and Rural Health water source options.

Status of the indoor plumbing research was asked to be included in the February agenda.

Staff is to work with the Consultant to update the Eastern Shore Research Needs list, to include surface water data needs as well (using DOH Division of Shellfish Sanitation as a resource). This list is to be presented at the February meeting and is to be sent to researchers at institutes of higher learning and included with a letter to be drafted and sent to DEQ requesting additional monitoring efforts.

7. Public Participation:

None.

8. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for January 17, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac, with a reminder to all to please attend the December 6th Wells & Septic.

Chairman Hogg adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Granville Hogg, Chairman

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Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary

