



Minutes of the October 18, 2016 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, October 18, 2016 in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac, Virginia.

Members Present:

Elaine Meil, Secretary
Eugene R. Hampton
Granville Hogg, Chairman
Grayson Chesser
Jim Belote
John Salm
Paul Muhly, Vice Chairman
Robert Meyers

Members Absent:

John Andrzejewski
J.W. Jeffries
Steve Miner

Others Present:

Britt McMillan, Arcadis-Malcolm Pirnie
Caroline Bott, A-NPDC
Cole Charnock, ESSWCD
Curt Smith, A-NPDC
Harvey Spurlock, Town of Chincoteague
Matthew Link, VDEQ
Sara Jordan, VDEQ
Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC



1. Call to Order

Chairman Hogg called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

2. Review of the September 20, 2016 Minutes

Committee Member Meyers moved to approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2016 meeting as presented and Vice Chairman Muhly seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Status Report

The FY 2017 Financial Status Report was presented and no questions were offered.

Committee Member Belote moved to approve the FY 2017 Financial Status Report as presented. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Meyers, carried unanimously.

4. Staff Update

The following Staff Updates were presented:

Committee Attendance Record

The FY2017 Committee Attendance Record was presented.

Amendment of the By-Laws

Staff presented suggested edits to the Committee By-laws as agreed upon during the September 20 meeting.

Committee Member Meyers moved to adopt the amended Committee By-laws as presented. The motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Muhly, carried unanimously.

Other Items

Nutrient Trading Program

Staff presented progress and efforts taken towards assisting the Town of Tangier to work with Tyson (also in the Virginia Nutrient Credit Exchange) to eliminate unnecessary costs to the Town.

Public Workshop & Outreach

Staff discussed the potential March date to be organized with VDH, Boggs, and Bundick and their efforts towards a Ground Water Committee Brief, a summary for new Committee members and new staff. Staff also presented that they will be participating in the October 26, Accomack Watershed Festival, at Makemie Park and have an agreement with the ESSWCD to use their groundwater model indefinitely for such purposes.

DEQ Water Supply Plan Presentation



Staff turned over the floor to the Virginia DEQ Senior Water Supply Planner, Ms. Sara Jordon. She presented a water supply planning (WSP) review and status update, State Water Resources Plan findings, and outstanding compliance items, which are due at the same time as the WSP review/updates in 2018. Discussion surrounding various issues of concern ensued among the Committee Members and DEQ representatives.

Matt Link of DEQ announced that DEQ is beginning the process of assessing the needs and costs associated with updating the Eastern Shore ground water model. He also described the DEQ process for seeking water use data from potential permit requiring entities.

5. Ground Water Consultant Report

Consultant Update & Recommendations

The Consultant and staff presented summary and recommendation information from the JLARC study, Effectiveness of Virginia's Water Resource Planning and Management, which was released this month. Committee requests to have further discussion, particularly related to the RC suggested fee schedule, during the November meeting.

6. Other Matters:

None.

7. Public Participation:

None.

8. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for November 15, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac.

Chairman Hogg adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Granville Hogg, Chairman

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Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary