



Minutes of the November 15, 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, November 15, 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
Jim Belote
John Salm
Paul Muhly, Vice Chairman
Robert Meyers

Members Absent:

Grayson Chesser
John Andrzejewski
Steve Miner

Others Present:

Britt McMillan, Arcadis-Malcolm Pirnie
Cole Charnock, ESSWCD
Curt Smith, A-NPDC
Jon Richardson, ESDH
Randy McFarland, USGS
Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC



1. Call to Order

Vice Chairman Muhly called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. At 10:08 Chairman Hogg arrived and began to lead the meeting.

2. Review of the October 18, 2016 Minutes

Committee Member Meyers moved to approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2016 meeting with amendments concerning further discussion of the JLARC study and Committee Member Hampton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Financial Status Report

Committee Member Salm moved to table approval of staff request to submit budget requests to each county until after the USGS presentation. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Meyers, carried unanimously.

The Committee, while recognizing the value of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection event, prioritize research necessary for long-term groundwater resource planning.

Therefore, Committee Member Salm moved to increase the budget request to each county to enable annual electromagnetic logging and, as a contingency plan, request level funding that would allow for less frequent logging. The motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Muhly, carried unanimously.

4. 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. The 2016 Award recipient will be voted on during the January 2017 meeting.

5. Staff Update

The following Staff Updates were presented:

Membership

Staff announced the resignation of Mr. J. Wesley Jeffries.

Chairman Hogg moved to send Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Jeffries on behalf of the Committee for his decade of designated service. The motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Muhly, carried unanimously.

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 Salm moved to give staff the authority to draft amendments to the JLARC report's resolution that would exempt the Eastern Shore of Virginia Groundwater Management Area from the fees. The motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Muhly, carried unanimously.

Other Items

Nutrient Trading Program

Staff presented successes in progress and efforts taken towards assisting the Town of Tangier to work with Tyson to eliminate unnecessary costs to the Town.

Public Workshop & Outreach

Staff discussed the Wells & Septic educational forum to be held at the ESCC on December 6 at 6pm.

USGS Electromagnetic Logging Data Analysis Results Presentation

Staff turned over the floor to Mr. Randy McFarland, USGS Hydrologist, who presented detailed results from the comparison of the 2008 and the 2016 August loggings. Discussion concerning possible causes of the results (higher salinity in some areas, and lower in others) and need for additional sampling ensued. See item 3 for Committee action.

6. Other Matters:

None.

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