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Minutes of the April 16, 2019 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, April 16, 2019 in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac, Virginia.

Members Present:

Daniel Hershey
Elaine Meil
Eugene R. Hampton
Jim Belote
John Coker, Chairman
John Salm
Michael Mason
Paul Muhly, Vice Chairman
Taylor Dukes

Members Absent:

Charles Kolakowski

Others Present:

Ann Violi, Harborton Resident
Bill Savage, ESSWCD
Britt McMillan, ARCADIS
Doug Baxter, Tyson Foods
Granville Hogg, Northampton Resident
Jeff Poulterer, ES Locavores
Joe Grist, VDEQ
Joe Valentine, Clean Water Council
Jon Richardson, ESHD
Ken Dufty, Exmore Resident

Linda Cicoira, ES Post
Richard Snyder, VMES ESL
Sarah Linton, Tyson Foods
Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC
Steve Patrick, Tyson Foods
Sue Mastyl, Clean Water Council
Trent Lewis, Tyson Foods
Unknown Signature, Northampton



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1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

Mrs. Sue Mastyl submitted written comments that she read aloud. They are as follows. “I wanted to point out one item from the County’s Annual Poultry Report of Feb. 26. They noted that two poultry operations have drilled into the Columbia for some of their uses; Rich Morrison said there is now a third. I would hope that the Groundwater Committee can track this, and identify where these operations are, and how much of their usage is in the Columbia. I would also hope that the industry will be forthcoming with this information, since it’s critical to be able to track this without having to go through the bureaucracy of DEQ.”

Mr. Ken Dufty submitted a six-page comment letter to each Committee Member. He then requested that the Committee consider having both a public comment period at the beginning of the meeting as well as a shorter period at the end of the meeting. Mr. Dufty responded to Chairman Coker’s point, made during the March meeting, that poultry was getting a bad rap. He then addressed the members of the public that are employees of Tyson Foods and requested that they ‘draw a line in the sand’ for “when enough is enough.”

3. Review of the March 19, 2019 Minutes

The draft minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting were presented. The attendee list was amended to include Jeff Poulterer in ‘Others Present’.

Vice Chairman Muhly moved to approve the Minutes of the March 19, 2019 meeting, amended to include Jeff Poulterer in the list of attendees. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Belote, carried unanimously.

4. FY 2019 Financial Status Report

The FY 2019 Financial Status Report was not presented.

5. Staff Update

The following staff updates were presented:

Committee Attendance Record

The FY2019 Committee Attendance Record was presented. Vice Chairman Muhly pointed out that he had been inaccurately marked absent for the March meeting. Staff is to repair.

Environmental Reviews and Permits

Staff reported there was one VDEQ Groundwater Withdrawal Permit to review during the consultant memo. VDEQ will hold a public information session related to the Consent Order for 54 Groundwater Withdrawal Permit applications for poultry growing operations will be held at 6:00pm on Tuesday April 30th at Nandua High School. VDEQ announced that they will have three dates for the related Public Hearing June 24, 25, and 26th. Staff is to put this information on a



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Ground Water Committee page of the A-NPDC website once VDEQ staff confirms dates, times, and locations.

VDEQ reported that an implementation plan for the SB1599 has yet to be developed. Discussion ensued about DMME enforcement of fill from irrigation ponds impeding expansion of use of the ponds. This is to be discussed with VDEQ when developing incentives under SB1599 for increasing use of the surficial Columbia aquifer.

Other Items

VDH Septic & Well Services – Hardship Guidelines to be developed by July 1, 2019

Staff reported that the newest draft of the Guidelines was just supplied by VDH staff. Staff pointed out several remaining concerns. Staff is to draft a comment letter accordingly and circulate via email to seek comments/approval in order to submit officially.

2017 Virginia Toxics Release Inventory Report

Staff briefly reported on the EPA and VDEQ 2017 Toxic Release Inventory Report.

Research & Publications

Staff pointed out an article about PFAS in New Jersey.

Staff reported that the presentations given by Scott Kudlas and Britt McMillan at the Environment Virginia Symposium are available on the A-NPDC website for viewing. A presentation from Randy McFarland of USGS is also now available on the website.

7. Ground Water Consultant Report

The consultant presented about the Painter Complex (Kuzzens, Inc.). Of particular interest was the high percentage (about 80-85%) of the water is sourced from the surficial Columbia aquifer.

Committee Member Hampton made a motion to submit a comment letter to VDEQ and a letter of commendation to the applicant, supporting the permit and commending the applicant's use of the surficial Columbia aquifer. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Chesser, carried unanimously.

The consultant reviewed the presentation that he gave at the Environment Virginia Symposium, adding in comments and questions that were raised by attendees.



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8. Other Matters:

Mr. Granville Hogg requested a letter from the Ground Water Committee with regards to a stormwater project off of Townfield Drive in Northampton County. Staff reported that they had correspondence from VDEQ that they would share with the Committee.

9. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for May 21st, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac.

Chairman Coker adjourned the meeting at 12:06 PM.

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John Coker, Chairman

Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary