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Minutes of the October 15, 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, October 15, 2019 in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac, Virginia.

Members Present:

Daniel Hershey
Grayson Chesser
Jim Belote
John Coker, Chairman
John Salm

Members Absent:

Charles Kolakowski
Elaine Meil
Eugene R. Hampton
Michael Mason
Paul Muhly, Vice Chairman
Taylor Dukes

Others Present:

Bill Savage, ESSWCD
Britt McMillan, ARCADIS
Curt Smith, A-NPDC
Doug Baxter, Tyson Foods
Jeff Poulterer, ES Locavores
Joe Grist, VDEQ
Jon Richardson, ESHD
Joseph Betit, Resident
Nick Thomas, ESSWCD
Sandra Beerands
Sarah Linton, Tyson Foods
Shannon Alexander, A-NPDC
Trent Lewis, Tyson Foods



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1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Participation

Mrs. Sandra Beerends expressed concerns about the regional HRSD system having a goal of more homes and more businesses, and the resulting increase demand on the groundwater resources. Brief discussion ensued and the Weldon's study that predicts population declines in both Accomack and Northampton Counties was referenced as an indication that there was not a plan or goal to increase development, but to meet current needs.

3. Review of the September 17, 2019 Minutes

The draft minutes of the September 17th, 2019 meeting were presented.

Committee Member Hershey moved to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Chesser, carried unanimously.

4. FY 2019 Financial Status Report

The FY 2019 Financial Status Report was presented.

Committee Member Salm moved to approve the FY 2020 Financial Status Report. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Hershey, carried unanimously.

5. Staff Update

The following staff updates were presented:

Committee Attendance Record

The FY2019 Committee Attendance Record was presented.

VDEQ Public Notices

Staff presented one VPA and one VPDES permit notice, pointing out that the latter for the Accomack County landfill did not expand amount of discharge, but increase testing parameters to align with solid waste standard sampling.

Other Items

USGS EM-logging Presentation – Samuel Caldwell present the results of the 2019 EM-logging and an analysis of the cumulative data and implications to salt water intrusion estimates. Summary table and PDF of powerpoint presentation are available at <http://www.a-npdc.org/accomack-northampton-planning-district-commission/ground-water-management/publications-resources/>

VDEQ Update – Joseph Grist provided an update indicating the December 13th SWCB meeting agenda will have the poultry facilities permit approval included, that the 2019 Groundwater Forum



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will be Friday November 15th and that there is a 20-minute spot reserved for the Eastern Shore, that the NOIRA for SB1599 for the General Permit use of the Surficial Aquifer on the Eastern Shore may have a meeting prior to the 2020 General Assembly and reconvene following GA conclusion, and that the Governor issued a statewide drought watch and the potential impacts to crops in particular.

Committee Member Salm moved to send a representative to present during the November 15th Groundwater Forum. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Belote, carried unanimously.

Septic Projects Update

Staff presented that there have been very few applicants and requested Committee Members help to spread the word about these important programs.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Staff provided a brief update on progress on the Regional Facility which is anticipated to be open to the public November 6th.

6. Ground Water Consultant Report

The consultant offered to present during the November 15th Groundwater Forum. He also prepared an updated draft matrix of potential research projects and associated costs to be reviewed more thoroughly in a future meeting.

7. Other Matters:

None.

8. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for November 19th, 2019 at 10:00 AM in the A-NPDC Conference Room of the Enterprise Building in Accomac.

Chairman Coker adjourned the meeting at 12:02 AM.

John Coker, Chairman

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Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary