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## Minutes of the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Virtual 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, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 virtually via the Zoom Platform.

Computer Access – Join the [Zoom Meeting Room](#). Meeting ID: 7577872936; Password: ESPDC.

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### Members Present:

John Coker, Chairman  
Paul Muhly, Vice Chairman  
Daniel Hershey  
Jim Belote  
Jackie Phillips  
John Salm  
Michael Mason  
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### Members Absent:

Charles Kolakowski  
Eugene R. Hampton

### Others Present:

Jessica Steelman, A-NPDC  
Nick Thomas, ESSWCD  
Sue Mastyl, Clean Water Council  
Joe Grist, VDEQ  
Britt McMillan, ARCADIS  
Craig Nicol, VDEQ  
Richard Snyder, VIMS  
Arthur Upshur, ESLT  
Bill Savage, ESSWCD



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1. Call to Order

Chairman Coker called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Review of the November 19, 2019 Minutes

The draft minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting were presented.

**Vice Chairman Muhly moved to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2020 meeting. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Belote, carried unanimously.**

4. FY 2020 Financial Status Report

The FY 2020 Financial Status Report as of May 2020 was presented.

**Committee Member Belote moved to approve the FY 2020 Financial Status Report, amended to reflect an invoice of \$2,621 for A-NPDC staff support and thus increasing the total bills payable to \$13,121. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Phillips, carried unanimously.**

5. Staff Update

The following staff updates were presented:

*Committee Attendance Record* – The FY2020 Committee Attendance Record was presented.

*Environmental Reviews and Permits* – No Updates.

*Other Items* – None.

*Research & News* –

CBES ShoreLine March 2020 – *Additional Study Assesses the Impact of Poultry on Water Quality*, by Cora Johnston, Site Director, Virginia Coast Reserve LTER, Oyster, VA.

<http://www.cbcs.org/uploads/3/4/8/7/34875804/slmar20final.pdf>

CBES ShoreLine June 2020 – *Report Highlights Impact of Poultry Manure*, by Sue Mastyl.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/c053e3fb001/0ed973c9-34f6-4696-ab47-165d0ec1853b.pdf>

*Environmental Integrity Project* – *New Report Documents Rapid Growth And Frequent Violations by Poultry Industry on VA's Eastern Shore.*

<https://environmentalintegrity.org/news/new-reports-document-rapid-growth-and-frequent-violations-by-poultry-industry-on-vas-eastern-shore/>

[Updated Look At Virginia's Eastern Shore Poultry Industry](#)



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Virginia Cooperative Extension – *On-Site Sewage Treatment Alternatives*, by J.M. Galbraith, C.E. Zipper, & R.B. Reneau Jr. (attached).

[https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs\\_ext\\_vt\\_edu/448/448-407/CSES-222.pdf](https://www.pubs.ext.vt.edu/content/dam/pubs_ext_vt_edu/448/448-407/CSES-222.pdf)

*Upcoming Events/Meetings* – None.

### 6. Unfinished Business

*Public Nomination for 2019 Ground Water Award* – The previous recipients were presented. Chairman Coker suggested to take until the next meeting for each Committee Member to create a list of potential nominees, to be communicated to A-NPDC Coastal Planner, Jessica Steelman within at least 1 week of the next meeting.

### 7. New Business

*Committee Member Appointments* – The Committee offered full support for Committee Member Belote to serve another term. Staff to inform Accomack County of Committee Member Belote's request to be reappointed to the GWC.

*Voting of Officers* – Staff updated The Committee of upcoming terms for Chairman Coker and Vice Chairman Muhly. It was discussed voting would take place at the next meeting of the GWC.

*Executive Committee* – **Committee Member Belote made a motion to create an Executive Committee, made up of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman, to be capable of carrying out actions, if the two are in agreement, such as providing comment letters and letters of support that align with the Eastern Shore Ground Water Supply Protection and Management Plan (2013) for a period of 1 year (through June of 2021). The motion, seconded by Committee Member Phillips, carried unanimously.**

*VDACS AFID Planning Grant* – Staff presented opportunity for a planning grant to test use of the surficial aquifer through shallow well-field tests and analyses. This would support the *Ground Water Supply Protection and Management Plan (2013)* and efforts of the *Eastern Shore Groundwater Regulatory Advisory Panel* and, if successful, act as a proof for future testing of agricultural sites. **After much discussion, Committee Member Belote moved to support the AFID application with up to \$6,000 in revenues towards the project budget. The motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Muhly, carried unanimously.**

### 8. Other Matters

Chairman Coker initiated a discussion surrounding the potential impacts of a regional sewer line removing groundwater inputs (septic tanks/drain fields) and redirecting to Onancock Creek. Discussion ensued. The Consultant, Mr. McMillan indicated that the volume is not likely significant from a water balance standpoint. He pointed out that water quality impacts may become apparent, both improved conditions in the surficial aquifer and impacts to Onancock Creek surface waters.



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VDEQ reported the following:

Eastern Shore Groundwater RAP is slowly proceeding as to next steps and an update email should be issued to members this week.

Referenced SB673, which is to go into effect July 1, 2020 and is a statewide ruling. The legislation indicates that all groundwater withdrawal permits for nonagricultural irrigation must use the surficial aquifer if available.

SWCB will be held June 29<sup>th</sup>.

New application from a poultry facility - Rogers Poultry. All new applications are to include investigative surficial wells.

### 9. Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10:00 AM as a virtual Zoom Platform meeting.

**Committee Member Phillips made a motion to adjourn at 11:59 AM. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Belote, carried unanimously.**

Chairman Coker adjourned the meeting at 11:59 AM.

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John Coker, Chairman

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Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary