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Minutes of the March 16th, 2021 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, February 16th, 2021 virtually on the Zoom Platform, with several committee members attending in person at the Enterprise Building in Accomac, VA. Public participation was conducted virtually via the Zoom Platform.

Virtual Attendance:

For Joining **via Computer:**

1. Click this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/7577872936?pwd=QTNJdmhCc3pWdVNUZ0ZWYnVJdWpWUT09>

2. If prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 757 787 2936

3. If prompted, enter the Passcode: 7577872936

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1. Dial 1-646-558-8656

2. When prompted for meeting code enter 7577872936#

3. When prompted to identify as host or participant, enter #

4. When prompted for password, enter 7577872936#

Members Present	Members Absent	Others Present
Paul Muhly, Chairman	Charles Kolakowski	Jessica Steelman, A-NPDC
John Coker, Vice Chairman*	Michael Mason	Dr. Charles Bott*
Daniel Hershey*		Joe Grist, VDEQ*
Jackie Phillips		Britt McMillan, ARCADIS*
Elaine Meil, Secretary		Ryan Wartick, NOAA*
Roberta Kellam*		Cathy Plant, VDH*
Grayson Chesser*		757-787-0918*
Taylor Dukes*		
Paul Grossman*		

**signifies Zoom participant*



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Call to Order

Chairman Muhly called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Public Comment

None.

Review of the October 20, 2020 Minutes

The draft minutes of the October 20th, 2020 meeting were presented. Committee Member Hershey requested the amendment be made to the signature line, updating to reflect current Chairman Muhly.

Committee Member Phillips moved to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2021 meeting with amendment. The motion, seconded by Vice Chairman Coker, carried unanimously.

FY 2021 Financial Status Report

The FY 2021 Financial Status Report as of March 2021 was presented.

Vice Chairman Coker moved to approve the March 2021 Financial Status Report. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Phillips, carried unanimously.

Staff Update

Committee Attendance Record

The FY2020 Committee Attendance Records were presented. Staff noted names of the new Committee Members – Mrs. Roberta Kellam and Mr. Paul Grossman – would be updated.

Environmental Reviews and Permits

VA Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program –
None.

VA Pollution Abatement Program –
None.

Consent Orders –
None.

Groundwater Withdrawal Permits –
None.

Environmental Impact Reviews –

Key West Cottages on Chincoteague Island

Chincoteague Hotels, L.C. (the applicant) is proposing to construct a rental cottage resort with a Key West theme, called Key West Cottages, on Chincoteague Island. The project will include the construction of 13 two-bedroom and 20 one-bedroom cottages. The project also involves the installation of a canoe and kayak launch as well as a bulkhead and recreational beach area separated from the waterway by a marsh and oyster castles. Stormwater runoff from this site is currently unobstructed from draining into Chincoteague Channel



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without water quality or quantity treatment. The proposed development will include significant rain gardens and other stormwater treatment to improve water quality. The project qualifies for a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers individual permit for proposed impacts; therefore, the applicant submitted a federal consistency certification for the project. The proposed activity is subject to review for consistency with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

Other Items

Kuzzen's Withdrawal Permit –

Britt McMillan, GWC Consultant, presented on historical usage of Kuzzen's in comparison with requested withdrawal. Discussion ensued regarding the lack of space for additional storage ponds; the ponds currently on the property are not big enough to meet additional irrigation needs. Additionally, Britt McMillan described the surficial age dating 50 years old would need a decade long drought to dry up the Columbia. A RIB (rapid infiltration basin) contains too much groundwater close to the surface.

Eastern Virginia Groundwater Management Advisory Committee (EVGMAC) –

Next meeting will be on March 19, 2021. Shannon Alexander to attend.

Groundwater Work Plan –

Chairman Muhly requested this be included in the April 2021 agenda.

Critical Resources Area –

Chairman Muhly requested this be included in the April 2021 agenda.

HRSD –

Dr. Charles Bott lead discussion regarding the Hampton Roads Sewer Project in Exmore. He responded to Committee concern of decrease in salinity in Onancock Creek by stating that a detailed report on salinity in that portion of the creek could be conducted by HRSD and HRSD is able to identify and remove all nitrogen and phosphorus identifiers; there may not be enough flushing into the creek to effect salinity. With regards to Committee concerns of leachate, Dr. Bott responded that a look into the characteristics of leachate will be needed, although he is impressed with the septage receiving station; concern remains regarding membrane damage with debris in leachate. HRSD is always looking for reuse opportunities and ways to sustain water supply, reportedly.

GWC Statement of Principle –

Britt McMillan, GWC Consultant, presented the draft Statement of Principle. The Committee reviewed the draft, providing changes and input. Chairman Muhly asked for Committee Members to share any further revisions/comments with A-NPDC Staff. Staff is tasked with compiling revisions/comments and sharing with Britt McMillan to compose final draft of the Statement of Principle. Staff will then send to DEQ for review prior to adopting at the April 2021 meeting.

Research & News

After 18 Months of Deliberation, Exmore Partners with HRSD to Provide Town's Sewer Service, by Stefanie Jackson, Eastern Shore Post; pg. 1

<https://www.easternshorepost.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/03.05.2021.pdf>

CBPA Draft Regulations, Commonwealth Resilience Brief, Wetlands Watch

<https://wetlandswatch.org/directors-blog/2021/2/1/virginia-boots-regulatory-proposal-to-put-climate->



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Administrative Code: <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/admincode/title9/agency25/chapter830/>

Upcoming Events/Meetings

REGULAR MEETINGS OF STATEWIDE AUTHORITIES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES –

Public Hearing - Proposed Reissuance and Amendment of 9VAC25-820 - Chesapeake Bay General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation – 4/1/2021 at 2p.m.

GoToWebinar. Register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6346732272498140686>. Once the registration is completed, registrants will receive a confirmation email with a link for participation. Alternatively, those wishing to participate without pre-registering or who prefer to attend the meeting by telephone, without internet access, contact Austen Stevens at austen.stevens@deq.virginia.gov or 804-698-4161 prior to the meeting date.

MEETINGS ABOUT TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (or TMDLs) for IMPAIRED WATERS –
For more information about TMDLs in Virginia, click here for the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality TMDL Web site](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/ApprovedTMDLReports.aspx). TMDL reports are available at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Water/WaterQualityInformationTMDLs/TMDL/TMDLDevelopment/ApprovedTMDLReports.aspx>.

VIRGINIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY WATER-RELATED MEETINGS –

For meetings of legislative committees and commissions, see <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+oth+MTG>. Links to information about General Assembly commissions, councils, and special interim committees coordinated by the Division of Legislative Services are available online at <http://dls.virginia.gov/commissions.html>. The Virginia General Assembly Web site is <https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/>.

Schedule Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next Committee meeting was scheduled virtually for March 16th at 10:00 AM.

Secretary Meil made a motion to adjourn at 12:00 PM. The motion, seconded by Committee Member Phillips, carried unanimously.

Chairman Muhly adjourned the meeting at 12:00 PM.

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Paul Muhly, Chairman

Elaine K. N. Meil, Secretary