

Technical Advisory Committee: GP for Non-Agricultural Surficial Aquifer Withdrawals

Electronic Communication Meeting via GoToWebinar

May 3, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Brent Graham, Two Rivers Country Club
Peggy Sanner, Chesapeake Bay Foundation
John O'Dell, Virginia Well Drillers Association
Scott Vogel, Virginia Department of Health
Joe Nicholas, Legacy Park HOA (Hanover)
Jason Early, Cardno
Martha Moore, Virginia Farm Bureau

DEQ Staff:

Scott Kudlas, Director, Office of Water Supply
Joseph Grist, Water Withdrawal Permitting and Compliance Program Manager

Visitors:

Shannon Varner
Jessica Steelman
Roberta Kellum

Proceedings:

- 1) Welcome and Introduction:
 - a) The meeting broadcast was started at 10:00am, and the meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Mr. Kudlas.
 - b) Mr. Grist provided the applicable legal provisions for convening the meeting electronically.
 - c) Mr. Grist called the roll and each member present introduced themselves to the Committee.
- 2) Review SB673 (2020)
 - a) Mr. Kudlas provided a presentation reviewing the background of groundwater management in the Commonwealth, charge to the Agency by SB673 (Chapter 670 of the 2020 Acts of the Assembly), and expectations of the Technical Advisory Committee members (TAC).
- 3) NOIRA: Creation of a General Permit for Use of the Surficial Aquifer in a Groundwater Management Area.
 - a) Mr. Grist provided a brief presentation concerning the Standard Three Stage Process for regulatory action, with specific focus on the 1st stage (NOIRA) and its legal basis, the beginning of the 2nd stage (to include the meetings with the TAC), and the final stage (public process steps for a regulation to become effective). Mr. Grist also reviewed TAC

guidelines, to include all meetings will be recorded and summary minutes will be posted on the Virginia Town Hall website.

- 4) Next Steps: Scheduling and expectations of upcoming meetings
 - a) Mr. Kudlas provided a general overview of topics for the next meeting, which will primarily focus on an update on the Eastern Shore Surficial Aquifer General Permit and results from the RAP on items applicable to this TAC. A strawman regulation for TAC discussions will also be developed.
 - b) Mr. Grist and Mr. Kudlas reviewed the currently scheduled dates and times for the TAC, with the next meeting planned for Thursday, May 13th. A scheduling conflict with another DEQ office, noted by Ms. Moore and Ms. Sanner for that date prompted the committee to plan to start that meeting by 8am, with the expectations it could last as long as 4 hours (ending by 12 Noon). In the event the scheduling conflict cannot be resolved, further discussions with the committee members may be necessary.
- 5) Public Comment
 - a) There were no public comments provided

The meeting adjourned at 11:25am.

Meeting Minutes Approved by TAC May 13, 2021 by consensus.