

Virginia: At a work session of the Accomack County Planning Commission held on the 26th day of June, 2007, in the cafeteria of Metompkin Elementary School in Parksley, Virginia:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A. MEMBERS PRESENT AND ABSENT

Members Present:

Mr. E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman
Mr. Jim Frese
Mr. Robert L. Nock
Mr. C. Robert Hickman
Mr. Leander Roberts, Jr.
Ms. Stella Rohde
Mr. Herb Thom
Mr. E. Bryan Turner

Members Absent:

Mr. William A. Sprague, Vice-Chairman

Others Present:

Mr. James M. McGowan, Director of Planning
Mr. Robert E. Testerman, Land Use Planner
Mr. Mark Taylor, County Attorney
Ms. Renee Rice, Temporary Secretary
Mr. Milton Herd
Mr. Britt McMillan, Hydrogeologist

B. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Hickman at 7:05 p.m. The Commissioners agreed to follow the Agenda. At Mr. Turner's suggestion a moment of silence was observed for the loss of Mr. Thom's wife. Chairman Hickman expressed the Commission's heartfelt condolences to Mr. Thom.

Mr. McGowan introduced to the Planning Commission Mr. Robert E. Testerman the new Land Use Planner. Chairman Hickman welcomed Mr. Testerman to Accomack County.

2. PRESENTATION ON USGS GROUND WATER MODEL UPDATE:

Hydrogeologist Britt McMillan was present and gave a presentation on the USGS Ground Water Model Update. The USGS has completed the Beta version of the model update. Mr.

McMillan stated that the Eastern Shore of Virginia is an EPA designated Sole Source Aquifer with no significant source of surface water supply. Recharge to the confined aquifers is limited to the central recharge spine. The Eastern Shore's aquifers are vulnerable to multiple contamination threats, such as pollution from land use activities and saltwater intrusion from overpumping. The unconfined Columbia Aquifer has approximately 625 million gallons per day (MGD) of recharge. The confined Yorktown-Eastover aquifer has approximately 8 MGD recharge. Fresh water in the confined aquifer is found at depths of 350 feet or less. Average ground water use is approximately 8 MGD. Approximately 99 percent of drinking water is withdrawn from the confined aquifer. Without pumping from the confined aquifer, there would be no recharge to it. Mr. McMillan then gave a GIS presentation showing the impacts of pumping on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Chairman Hickman requested staff to put Mr. McMillan's presentation online. Mr. McMillan stated that only the PowerPoint presentation could be put online, since the second part of his presentation used ArcScene GIS software.

3. OTHER MATTERS

Mr. McGowan stated that the Board of Supervisors has scheduled the Joint Public Hearing with the Planning Commission for 7:30 PM on Wednesday July 18, 2007, at Metompkin Elementary School. The proposed Future Land Use Map Amendment and rezoning of Central Middle School property will be the subject of the hearing.

4. MINUTES:

On a Motion by Ms. Rohde, Seconded by Mr. Nock, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of May 22, 2007 with noted typographical errors corrected.

On a Motion by Ms. Rohde, Seconded by Mr. Roberts, those present voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 28, 2006.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

On a Motion by Mr. Frese, Seconded by Mr. Thom, those present voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Hickman adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

E. Phillip Hickman, Chairman

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James M. McGowan, Director of Planning