

FAIRFAX WATER
Minutes of Water Quality and Supply Committee Meeting
January 9, 2025

At 7:04 p.m. on Thursday, January 9, 2025, a Meeting of the Water Quality and Supply Committee was held in the Bill G. Evans Boardroom at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, with the following in attendance:

Committee Members: Cammarata, Colleton, Dotson, Ginyard-Jones, Roberson (Chair)

Other Members: Allin, Begovich (absent), Day, Griffin, Rubin

Staff: Brown, Cotten, Dewhirst, Dooley, Goldberg, Grimes, Hedges, Kingsbury, Love, S. Miller, B. Nguyen, Oates, Prelewicz, Long

Counsel: John McGranahan, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP

Others: N/A

Upon separate motions duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, unless otherwise noted, the following actions were taken:

Approval of Minutes

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of July 25, 2024.

Consideration of an Exception to the Occoquan Shoreline Easement Policy

The Committee unanimously approved the exception to the Occoquan Shoreline Easement Policy for Mr. and Mrs. McNiesh to extend their floating dock at 4471 Occoquan Overlook in Prince William County.

Update on Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Informal Work Group to Discuss the Virginia Water Protection Permit Program Regulation Exclusion

Mr. Prelewicz provided an update on the Virginia DEQ Informal Workgroup to Discuss the Virginia Water Protection Permit Program Regulation Exclusion. To support the Workgroup efforts, the Virginia DEQ has requested more information on intakes and water withdrawals that are subject to the exclusion. Staff will prepare and submit information in response to the DEQ request and will continue active participation in the Workgroup. Staff plans to update the Committee on the Workgroup's activities later this year.

Briefing on Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Surface Water Intake Structure Guidance Document

Mr. Prelewicz provided an overview of Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) Surface Water Intake Guidance. The guidance has consistently been used by Virginia DEQ during the surface water withdrawal permitting process without exception or modification. Mission H20, a group of municipal and industrial water withdrawers exempt from Virginia Water Protection Permit regulation, submitted comments on the guidance during a public comment period that have not been responded to by State agencies, despite several meetings to review comments with multiple agencies. Mission H20 continues to evaluate strategies to address a lack of response from State agencies to concerns expressed during the public comment period.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.



J. Alan Roberson
Chairman