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Calvert County Environmental Commission February 2, 2026 Minutes

Attendance: Dr. Dave Campbell, Mike Rooney, Nell Fuller, Sarah Shields, Jo Anna Lutmerding, Dr. Janette Wysocki, Trevor Hume-Wolanske, Rich Rapier
Staff: Amalia Pleake-Tamm

I. Call to Order at 6:07pm

II. **Approval of Agenda for February 2, 2026:** Dr. Campbell moved to approve; Ms. Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. **Approval of [Minutes from December 15 2025](#):** Dr. Campbell moved to approve, Dr. Wysocki seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Pump for the Bay Raffle Pull: Dr. Wysocki conducted the raffle pull, the winners included Tammy Milie, James Atwell, Adrienne Schmidt, Samuel Mudd; Al Peasley; and Nancy Ramsey.

Participants reported learning about the program primarily through Facebook, as well as Commission events and personal referrals. Ms. Pleake-Tamm will contact winners and distribute prizes. Feedback was shared regarding Charles County's program offering \$100 reimbursements for pump-outs every three years in lieu of a raffle. Ms. Pleake-Tamm was not familiar with program specifics but noted it is administered through the Charles County Health Department.

IV. **Election of Chair and Co-Chair:** Nominations for Chair were deferred to the February 23 meeting. Dr. Campbell nominated Ms. Fuller as Co-Chair; Ms. Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Subcommittee Reports:

a. FAQs:

- i. [Stormwater Runoff and Management](#): Ms. Pleake-Tamm reported that the FAQ was returned from CMR and asked for Commission feedback. It was noted that the content was shortened for conciseness, including removal of the 100-year flood explanation, which may become its own standalone FAQ. Ms. Shields moved to approve the FAQ; Mr. Rapier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- ii. [Recycling](#): Dr. Campbell reported continued work on the recycling FAQ and noted he is seeking input from the Solid Waste Division and Recycling, with the goal of presenting a more formal draft at the next meeting.

b. Public Education/Outreach:

- i. Radon Action Month proclamation debrief from January 13: Ms. Pleake-Tamm reported she was unable to attend. Dr. Campbell and Dr. Wysocki reported the event went well: Mr. Ybarra delivered remarks, and Mr. Levin, Dr. Campbell, and Dr. Wysocki were also in attendance. The BOCC was receptive, radon test kits were distributed, Dr. Wysocki referenced the Commission's FAQs, and Mr. Levin reiterated the Commission's advisory role.
- ii. "Lights Out" proclamation: Ms. Lutmerding reported that Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust submitted a letter of endorsement for the BOCC package. Additional organizations have endorsed the proclamation: So. Calvert Land Trust, So. MD Sierra Club Group, American Chestnut Land Trust, So. MD Audubon Society, and Calvert Nature Society. The Commission continues to seek support from the county's astronomy group. Ms.

Lutmerding announced this was her final meeting due to term expiration. However, she will remain in contact with Ms. Pleake-Tamm to offer continued support and attend the proclamation, which is scheduled for May 5. Upon request, Ms. Pleake-Tamm will seek social media posts.

- iii. [Outreach materials](#) for children's education regarding stormwater education: No action is required. Ms. Pleake-Tamm shared the information for Commission awareness.

c. Guest Speakers:

Calvert County environmental education: Dr. Wysocki reported that Janelle Phillips from Calvert County Public Schools has agreed to present at the March 30 meeting.

Commissioners were asked to suggest talking points. Ms. Pleake-Tamm will organize draft questions for review at the February 23 meeting.

- VI. **Annual Report Approval:** Ms. Pleake-Tamm reviewed the annual report as an overview for the BOCC and noted confidence in its content. Commissioners were asked for feedback. Dr. Campbell moved to approve the annual report, Ms. Shields seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Pleake-Tamm outlined next steps.
- VII. **Small Business Sustainability:** Dr. Wysocki inquired about outreach to local small businesses on sustainability. The Commission noted the Maryland Green Registry as a resource, available on the Commission's webpage. Dr. Campbell suggested contacting the Chamber of Commerce, and Ms. Pleake-Tamm recommended coordinating with the Department of Economic Development as a future guest speaker.
- VIII. **Sampling Update from Naval Research Laboratory, Chesapeake Bay Detachment:** Ms. Pleake-Tamm provided an update and background. Site 10's North Pond Treatment System was scheduled to become operation in January 2026, with public notice having been issued in advance. For Site 12, surficial aquifer, surface water, and soil sampling was to occur from late January through mid-February. The Restoration Advisory Board website will be updated with a map showing areas exceeding the Department of Defense PFAS interim limits; however, no homeowner information or specific concentration levels will be publicly shared.
- IX. **Questions Regarding Data Center Development Review Requirements:** The Commission discussed data center development questions, with Dr. Campbell drafting proposed questions. Concerns included prioritizing community needs and unresolved light and noise impacts. The Commission discussed recently proposed PJM rules regarding emergency demand response and potential service interruptions for large users, including data centers. Power supply and permitting were noted to involve PJM and state, county, and federal regulatory processes.
- X. **General Announcement:**
 - a. The next meeting is February 23 at 6pm in the County Administration Building and via Teams.
 - b. The 2025 Financial Disclosure forms are due March 31, 2026. Ms. Pleake-Tamm thanked those who already submitted them.
 - c. Plastic bag usage in the county was raised as a potential future discussion topic. Commissioners discussed microplastics, surveys, and other counties' plastic bag policies.
 - d. Ms. Lutmerding shared a farewell message, noting her participation in ACLT's Master Natural Program and scheduling conflicts. Ms. Shields shared appreciation for Ms. Lutmerding's inspiration regarding bird collision prevention.
- XI. **Adjournment:** Dr. Wysocki moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm, Mr. Rapier seconded, the motion passed unanimously.