

**POTOMAC WATERSHED ROUNDTABLE**  
**Quarterly Meeting – January 12, 2024**  
**Held Online on Teams**  
**Meeting Summary**

**Voting Members/Alternates**

Dierdre Clark, John Marshall SWCD  
Charlie Grymes, Prince William Conservation Alliance  
Woody Hynson, Westmoreland County SWCD  
Chuck Koch, Tri-County/City SWCD  
Will Lintner, Prince William SWCD  
Jerry Peters, Northern Virginia SWCD  
Greg Prelewicz, Water and Wastewater Utilities  
Kelsi Steele, John Marshall SWCD  
Nancy Vehrs, Prince William SWCD  
Willie Woode, Northern Virginia SWCD

**Advisory Members/Alternates (Non-Voting)**

Renee Bourassa, ICPRB  
Kirsten Conrad, Virginia Cooperative Extension  
Daniel Moore, Virginia DEQ  
Rebecca Shoemaker, DEQ  
Jacob Zielinski, VDOF

**Presenters**

Andrew Borocco, Area 2 Farms  
Scott Cameron, Northern Virginia SWCD

**Interested Parties**

Melissa Allen, John Marshall SWCD  
Carly Aubry, Fairfax County  
Nicki Bellezza, Fairfax Water  
Rhonda Bitterli, Northern Virginia SWCD  
Stacy Evers, Northern Virginia SWCD  
Trish Feth, Northern Virginia SWCD  
Joe Gorney, Fairfax County  
Penny Gross  
Brianna Heath, Northern Neck PDC  
Elizabeth Lonoff  
Duane Mohr, Prince William SWCD  
Rebecca Murphy, NVRC  
Kayli Ottomanelli, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay  
Ashley Palmer, Northern Virginia SWCD  
John Peterson, Northern Virginia SWCD  
Paul Reynolds, Fairfax County  
Heather Shackley, Northern Virginia SWCD  
Ashley Studholme, PW Conservation Alliance  
Veronica Tangiri, Prince William SWCD  
Elizabeth Ward, PWC Sustainability Commission

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**Welcome, Call to Order, and Introductions**

Mr. Hynson called the meeting to order at 10:01 am and welcomed all to the meeting. He then called on Mr. Peterson to act as chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**Minutes—October 6, 2023**

The minutes of the October 6, 2023 meeting of the Potomac Watershed Roundtable (PWR) had been distributed in advance of the meeting. Mr. Peterson asked if there were any corrections or additions. Hearing none and following a **motion** by Ms. Clarke and seconded by Mr. Hynson, the minutes of the October 6, 2023 meeting were approved by voice vote.

**Updates from the Potomac Council Chair**

Mr. Koch stated that the council met this morning. Mr. Peterson said that a new Potomac Watershed Roundtable Chair would need to be appointed. He noted that the PWR bylaws recommend roundtable members and alternates hold the position of Chair of their county's Board of Supervisors or are at least members of their county's Board of Supervisors.

A **motion** by Mr. Koch and seconded by Mr. Hynson that members would come to the April 5, 2024 PWR meeting with names of potential candidates for the positions of chair and vice-chair of the roundtable passed by voice vote.

**Presentation: Breeding for the Future**

*Andrew Borocco, Area 2 Farms*

Mr. Borocco used a PowerPoint to present Area 2 Farms' vertical farming technique which can increase crop production per square foot and eliminate the need for pesticides and herbicides.

Mr. Peterson thanked Mr. Borocco for his presentation and opened the floor for questions from roundtable members.

**Presentation: Environmental Considerations with Respect to Industrial Utility Scale Solar in Virginia**

*Scott Cameron, Northern Virginia SWCD*

Mr. Cameron used a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the environmental challenges associated with the exponential growth of utility scale solar in the Commonwealth, including loss of forest cover and prime farmland.

Mr. Peterson thanked Mr. Cameron for his presentation and opened the floor for questions from roundtable members.

**Announcements**

Mr. Peterson opened the floor for announcements from those present. Information on upcoming programs or items of interest was shared.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 11:52am.