

Potomac Watershed Roundtable
Hosted by Prince William Soil and Water Conservation District
Potomac Environmental Research and Education Center
650 Mason Ferry Ave, Woodbridge, VA 22191

Friday April 11, 2025, at 10:00 am

Meeting Summary

Voting Members/Alternates

Dana Barakat, Northern Virginia SWCD
Ike Broaddus, Fauquier County
Dierdre Clarke, John Marshall SWCD
Daniel Goodale-Porter, Tri-County City SWCD
Penny Gross, Citizen of the Watershed
Charles Grymes, Prince William Conservation Alliance
Chuck Koch, Tri-County City SWCD
Will Lintner, Prince William SWCD
Robert Pickett, Northern Neck SWCD
Greg Prelewicz, Fairfax Water
Kelsi Steele, John Marshall SWCD
Nancy Vehrs, Prince William SWCD
Willie Woode, Northern Virginia SWCD

Advisory Members/Alternates (Non-Voting)

Renee Bourassa, ICPRB
Debbie Cross, Virginia DCR

Presenters

Delegate David Bulova
Robert Bowcock, Integrated Systems
Dr. R. Chris Jones, George Mason University
Rebecca Murphy, Northern Virginia Reg. Commission

Interested Parties

Dongmei Alvi, Virginia Tech
Josie Anderson, Prince William SWCD
Thomas Bolles, Prince William SWCD
Heather Colter, Northern Virginia SWCD
Glenda Booth
Linda Dunn, Prince William SWCD
Trish Feth, Northern Virginia SWCD
Judy Fraser, Northern Virginia SWCD
Harry Glasgow, Prince William SWCD
Duncan Griffiths, Northern Neck Land Conservancy
Brigitte Hartke
Brianna Heath, George Washington Reg. Commission
Rachel Kenderdine, Fairfax County
Don Lacquement, Northern Virginia SWCD
Elizabeth Lonoff
Bob Love, Town of Occoquan
Duane Mohr, Prince William SWCD
Kim Lowther, Prince William SWCD
Madison Morgan, Tri-County City SWCD
Grace Murdoch, Northern Virginia SWCD
Michelle Noble
Jenny Reed, Prince William SWCD
Paul Reynolds, Fairfax County
Heather Shackley, Northern Virginia SWCD
Ashley Studholme, Prince William Conservation Alliance
Veronica Tangiri, Prince William SWCD
Andrew Uglow, Prince William County

Welcome and Introductions

Robert Pickett called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

Minutes - January 10, 2025

The minutes of the January 10, 2025 Potomac Watershed Roundtable (PWR) meeting had been distributed in advance of the meeting.

A **motion** by Penny Gross and seconded by Nancy Vehrs to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2025 meeting passed by voice vote.

People went around the room and introduced themselves.

Updates from the Chair

Robert Pickett said the gavel he is using was passed on to him by Penny Gross and had been given to her by then Secretary of the Virginia Department of Natural Resources Tayloe Murphy. The date printed on the gavel is April 10, 2005, which was 20 years ago yesterday.

Updates from the Potomac Council Chair

Chuck Koch reported that six districts reported staffing increases, and events across the board are going well. He also noted that the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) increased funding for the Potomac Council by \$3,000 this year.

Presentations

Delegate David Bulova

Delegate Bulova gave an overview of the general assembly session that had recently wrapped up. He said that last year was a good year for natural resources in the state budget.

Looking forward, he said federal employee and contractor layoffs in the area would be impacting workforce development and the economy, as would cuts in federal funding for the state budget. He noted Virginia relies on federal funding for key programs, with 30% of the state budget coming from federal funding.

He then took questions from attendees.

Dr. R. Chris Jones

Dr. Jones presented an overview of the Potomac Environmental Research and Education Center. He then answered questions from attendees.

Robert Bowcock

Mr. Bowcock gave a PowerPoint presentation on PFAS or “forever chemicals”, what they are and their effects on a watershed. He then answered questions from attendees.

Rebecca Murphy

Ms. Murphy used a PowerPoint to give an overview of the Northern Virginia Salt Management Strategy Program. She then took questions from attendees.

Announcements

Nancy Vehrs expressed appreciation to Josie Anderson and the Prince William SWCD staff for their help organizing the meeting.

Ashley Studholme from the Prince William Conservation Alliance mentioned the Occoquan Watershed Monitoring Lab and their work to model PFAS management.

Ms. Barakat made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Koch seconded. The meeting meeting was adjourned at 12:42 pm.

Next meeting will be held on Friday, July 11, 2025

Additional details will be provided closer to that date