

Chinaka A. Barbour
Warren Beeton
Tiziana Bottino
Dr Joseph P Boutte
Christopher Carroll
J. Randall Freed, Chair
Martin Jeter
Elizabeth H. Ward, Vice Chair

**Meeting
Minutes
July 27, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

UTILITIES REPRESENTATIVE

Christine Hoeffner
Gilbert Jaramillo
Scott McGeary
Perrin Palistrant
Don Pannell
Brendon Shaw

Cedar Run Conference Room
McCoart Building
1 County Complex Court
Prince William, VA 22192

Present: Commissioners Chinaka Barbour, Warren Beeton, Tiziana Bottino, Dr. Joseph Boutte, J. Randall Freed, Martin Jeter, Elizabeth H. Ward

Non-voting Commissioners – Gilbert Jaramillo, Scott McGeary, Don Pannell, Brendon Shaw

Giulia Manno – Director Office of Sustainability, Salita Gray – Sustainability Commission Clerk

Absent: Commissioner Christopher Carroll. Non-voting Commissioners Christine Hoeffner, Perrin Palistrant

Roll Call: Quorum Present

- Approve remote participation for Joseph Boutte, Scott McGeary, and Brendon Shaw [VOTING RECORD: Motion E Ward; Second W Beeton; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays- None]

Citizen's Time: Michael Wedge inquired if there is a partnership with Northern Virginia, Southern Virginia, DC and Maryland counties and how is the CESMP being coordinated within all counties.

Old Business

- Approved Minutes of June 22, 2023 meeting. [VOTING RECORD: Motion M Jeter; Second T Bottino; Ayes-by acclamation; Nays- None]

New Business

- Mike Sandler from Virginia Clean Energy presented the status of Community Choice Aggregation in Virginia, and the opportunities and challenges for potential establishment in Prince William County.
- G Manno reviewed the draft sections of the CESMP. This is about 70% of the plan and the remaining content is expected to be shared with the commission and the public by mid-August. A townhall will be scheduled in mid-September for public input on the draft.
- Comments and recommendations on the draft were provided by commissioners. Commissioners can continue to provide feedback until the deadline of August 4th.

Commissioner's Time

- W Beeton raised awareness of a study done by Rocky Mountains concluding that natural gas leakage as little as 0.2% can have the same emission content as coal.
- T Bottino attended the residential solar permitting stakeholder meeting and shared topics and comments.
- G Jaramillo shared that NOVEC is reaching the 2% cap that is mandated to allow residential solar.
- S McGearry asked if there were any specifics regarding natural gas leaks, to please send to him so he can investigate.
- J Boutte will be adding his comments on the draft to the commission's shared draft.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:06 PM