

Location:

June 23, 2021

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Clemson Edisto REC, Blackville, SC &

Zoom Virtual Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

1. **Planning Team to follow-up with details regarding Edisto RBC Field Trip #2.**
2. **RBC members currently without an alternate are reminded to select an alternate from the same water use interest category.**
3. **RBC members are required to inform the Planning Team in advance of the RBC meeting if they will not be in attendance and if their alternate will be present.**
4. **Public Comments for call-ins at the RBC meeting are to be sent to Tom Walker tcwalke@clemson.edu**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda and May 26th Minutes and Summary Documents
- Public Comment Period
- Meeting Time Discussion
- Nominate and Elect Edisto RBC Char and Vice Chair
- Determine RBC Member Initial Term Lengths
- Flow-Stream Health Relationships Study Recommendations Discussion
- Groundwater Modeling Approach
- Update on July Field Trip

Meeting Summary (June 23rd)

The Edisto RBC Facilitator, John Boyer, called the June 23rd meeting of the Edisto RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The thirteenth meeting of the Edisto RBC was held in-person at the Clemson Edisto Research and Education Center (REC) in Blackville, SC and via Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Edisto RBC members and planning team, there were 60 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. The meeting began with John Boyer reviewing the meeting objectives: to nominate and elect the Edisto RBC Chair and Vice Chair positions, determine Edisto RBC member initial term lengths, discuss proposed flow-stream health relationships study recommendations with Dr. Luke Bower and Eric Krueger, and learn about the groundwater modeling approach with Joe Gellici, Matt Petkewich, & Greg Cherry. The Edisto RBC approved the updated RBC meeting agenda and the May 26th minutes and summary. A

public comment period was held with no comments received. Meeting times were discussed regarding moving meetings from a 9 AM – 1 PM schedule to a 10 AM – 2 PM schedule. Unless longer meetings are needed, Edisto RBC meetings will continue on a 9 AM – 1 PM schedule.

John Boyer discussed the process by which the Edisto RBC would nominate and elect the Chair and Vice Chair positions. Nominations had been submitted ahead of the RBC meeting and John asked for other nominations with none received at the RBC meeting. The final nominations for Edisto RBC Chair were Laura Bagwell, Hank Stallworth, and Jason Thompson. Vice Chair nominations were Laura Bagwell and Landrum Weathers. All agreed to serve if elected and were given time to address the RBC. Majority votes were cast for Hank Stallworth as Edisto RBC Chair and Landrum Weathers as Edisto RBC Vice Chair.

The next agenda item was to determine Edisto RBC term lengths. John Boyer discussed the process for determining term length. The Chair and Vice Chair will serve the rest of the calendar year plus two additional calendar years. Mike Mosley was also approved by the Edisto RBC to serve three years as he is the lone electric-power utility sector representative on the council. The 2, 3, and 4-year term lengths were drawn from an envelope at the meeting.

Serving two-year terms: David Bishop, Danny Burbage, Laura Bagwell, Alta Mae Marvin, Mark Aakhus, Alex Tolbert, Trey McMillan, & Will Williams;

Serving three-year terms: Mike Mosley, Hugo Krispyn, Jeremy Walther, Eric Odom, Richard Hall, & J.J. Jowers, Jr.;

Serving four-year terms: Jason Thompson, Joel Duke, Johnney Haralson, John Bass, Kirk Bell, & Jerry Waters.

The Edisto RBC then discussed the flow-ecology metrics as performance measures of the Edisto River water use scenarios in the Edisto River Basin Plan. The four flow-ecology metrics were Mean Daily Flow, Base Flow Index, Duration of Low Flow, and Timing of Low Flow. A vote was held after discussion amongst Edisto RBC members, research study team, and staff to incorporate the proposed metrics into plan deliberations. The motion to incorporate the flow-ecology metrics into deliberations passed 15-1.

Joe Gellici (SCDNR), Matt Petkewich and Greg Cherry (USGS) presented on the groundwater modeling approach as it relates to the Edisto Basin and the Atlantic Coastal Plain. Highlights include: groundwater conditions, major groundwater issues, model updates, groundwater level model simulation and calibration, and model limitations. The calibrated model will be used to calculate groundwater scenarios over the planning horizon.

Finally, John Boyer and Alta Mae Marvin discussed some initial details of the second Edisto RBC field trip. The field trip will consist of a canoe trip down the Edisto River followed by a visit to the Charleston Water intake.

The next meeting of the Edisto RBC will be August 18, 2021 at the Clemson Edisto REC in Blackville, SC and on the Zoom platform (hybrid meeting).

The meeting concluded at 12:10 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: August 18, 2021