

**Location:**

May 29, 2024

9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Clemson Pee Dee REC and Zoom Virtual (hybrid)

**Action Items:**

1. **Planning Team to create sharepoint folder/link for draft chapters of the River Basin Plan.**
2. **Ch 6 subcommittee to send feedback to Matt Lindburg.**

**Major Decisions:**

1. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the RBC bylaws as written in the Planning Framework. (July 2022)**
2. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the proposed Process Metrics as presented. (August 2022)**
3. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC voted to adopt the Mission, Vision, and Goals of the Pee Dee RBC. (August 2022)**
4. **The Pee Dee RBC elected the Chair: Buddy Richardson and Vice Chair: Cara Schildtknecht (November 2022)**
5. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC decided to take a common sense approach to the groundwater modeling delays for the Pee Dee River Basin Plan. To continue to develop groundwater management strategies and clarify those/check them once the groundwater model is completed. If the model is not completed, move forward with the developed groundwater management strategies for the plan. (January 2024)**
6. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC decided to continue the monthly meeting schedule during the groundwater model delay and for the planning team to decide on what is appropriate for in-person versus virtual meeting format on a month-to-month basis. (January 2024)**
7. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC preliminarily approved Ch 1 of the River Basin Plan. (January 2024)**
8. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC approved development of a 20 – 30 page Executive Summary and development of a 2 page policy brief style handout. (January 2024)**
9. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC preliminarily approved Chapters 2, 3, and 8 of the River Basin Plan. (April 2024)**
10. **Unanimous – The Pee Dee RBC preliminarily approved Ch 5 (surface water portion) of the River Basin Plan. (May 2024)**

**Meeting:**

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Summary
- Public and Agency Comment Periods
- Update on Groundwater Modeling Status
- Discuss June or July Field Trip
- Chapter Status Discussion
- Strategy Prioritization
- Meeting Conclusion

**Meeting Summary (May 29<sup>th</sup>)**

JD Solomon, Pee Dee River Basin Council Facilitator, called the May 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pee Dee RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The twenty-fourth meeting of the Pee Dee RBC was held in person and virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Pee Dee RBC members and planning team, there were 32 people present at this RBC meeting.

The meeting began with Buddy Richardson reviewing the agenda items for the meeting. The Pee Dee RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and approved the minutes and summary documents from the April meeting. A public comment period was held with no comments. An agency public comment period was held with no comments.

The first item on the agenda was an update on the groundwater modeling work underway. Andrea Hughes updated the Pee Dee RBC on the status of the model and noted a slight delay. Even with the delay, model update progress remains on track with past timeline updates.

The next item was discussion of a field trip in June or July. The RBC decided to move ahead with a virtual meeting for June and a July field trip to Sonoco including a brief meeting.

Matt Lindburg, Brown & Caldwell, led discussion on the status of chapters for the Pee Dee River Basin Plan. Chapters 1, 2, 3, and 8 had already received preliminary approval. Chapters 5 and 6 were distributed and Chapter 5's surface water components received preliminary approval from the RBC with the groundwater component to be written after the groundwater model is updated. Chapter 6 will be reviewed by a subcommittee which will provide Matt Lindburg with revisions and comments. Chapter 7 and 9 were informed by strategy prioritization during the meeting and draft chapters will be distributed in the coming months. Chapter 4 is still being written. Chapter 10 will be the last chapter written in the coming months.

JD Solomon and Matt Lindburg facilitated the group in prioritizing surface water and groundwater strategies for Chapter 7 and policy, legislative, regulatory, technical, and process

recommendation strategy prioritization for Chapter 9. The results were collated at the meeting and initial results presented to those in attendance. The results will be updated with absent member responses and presented at a future RBC meeting.

JD Solomon briefly discussed an interbasin transfer supplement recently requested by Charlotte Water which has the potential to impact both the Catawba and Pee Dee river basins. JD Solomon and Buddy Richardson concluded the meeting at 11:55 AM. The next meeting of the Pee Dee RBC will be June 25, 2024 and will be a virtual only meeting.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 6/25/24