

Location:

March 22, 2023

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Ridge at Laurens

Hybrid Meeting

Action Items:

- 1. RBC members should select an alternate from the same water use interest category and inform the planning team.**
- 2. RBC members should be thinking of potential Saluda RBC Chair and Vice-Chair nominees.**
- 3. RBC members to consider possible field trip locations.**
- 4. RBC members to review the planning framework and bylaws.**
- 5. 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.**

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda
- RBC and Planning Team Introductions
- Public Comment Period
- Overview of River Basin Planning, the Planning Framework, and Examples
- Review of RBC Bylaws
- Basin Priorities
- Future RBC Meetings Discussion

Meeting Summary (March 22nd)

The Deputy Director for Land, Water and Conservation at DNR, Ken Rentiers, called the March 22nd meeting of the Saluda RBC to order at 10:00 AM. The first meeting of the Saluda RBC was held in-person and virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Saluda RBC members and planning team, there were 53 people present at this RBC meeting in-person and online. The meeting began with Ken Rentiers welcoming the Saluda RBC members to the first meeting. Ken thanked all members for their willingness to commit to a two-year planning process and their dedicated service. John Boyer, facilitator, introduced the meeting structure and discussed the agenda items for the meeting. The Saluda RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda. A public comment period was held with no comments received. An agency comment period was held with no comments received.

John Boyer facilitated introductions of the planning team and Saluda RBC members. The planning team consists of DNR, DHEC, CDM Smith, and Clemson personnel and each planning team member introduced themselves and their role on the team. The RBC members then introduced themselves and their current professional role and water sector they represent in this planning process.

The next agenda item was a presentation by Scott Harder, Chief of the DNR hydrology section, about river basin planning, the planning framework, and examples. Scott discussed river basin planning activities including background, history, and context in South Carolina. Scott then presented information about specific pieces and processes involved in developing a river basin plan. John Boyer then discussed examples of river basin plans to inform the RBC of where they are heading in this process.

John Boyer reviewed the RBC bylaws from the planning framework. The review included: purpose of the bylaws, modifications to the bylaws, membership and attendance, removal, resignation, and reinstatement, RBC term lengths, code of conduct, RBC Chair and Vice-Chair responsibilities, meeting types, decision-making, subcommittees and interbasin river councils. John Boyer then proceeded to have RBC members draw their term length. Those not in attendance had their term length drawn for them.

Finally, the RBC meeting moved to a discussion of basin priorities. The Saluda RBC members broke up into 4 total breakout groups including one for the RBC members in attendance online. The identified basin priorities from the exercise will help set the vision statement and goals for the Saluda RBC.

The RBC then discussed future meeting times and selected a regular monthly meeting time. The meeting concluded with John Boyer discussing potential items for the next meeting. The RBC meeting was adjourned. The next Saluda RBC meeting will be held April 19, 2023.

The meeting concluded at 1:50 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 4/19/23