

**Pee Dee River Basin Council (RBC) Meeting #25 Minutes**  
**June 25th, 2024**

**RBC Members Present:** Doug Newton, Cliff Chamblee, Jason Gamble, Megan Hyman, John Crutchfield, Everett Allen, Buddy Richardson, Eric Krueger, Mike Bankert, Hughes Page, Debra Buffkin, John Rivers, & Lindsay Privette

**Absent:** Walt Beard, Tim Brown, Frances McClary, Bob Perry, Cynthia Walters, Jeff Steinmetz, & Michael Hemingway

**Planning Team Present:** Tom Walker, JD Solomon, Andy Wachob, Hannah Hartley, Leigh Anne Monroe, Scott Harder, Brooke Czwartacki, Alexis Modzelesky, & Jeff Allen

**Total Attendance:** 29

**1. Call the Meeting to Order (J. D. Solomon - Facilitator)**

a. Review of Meeting Objectives

J. D. Solomon (the Facilitator) called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and welcomed members to the 25th Pee Dee RBC meeting. The highlight of the meeting included receiving an update on the Coastal Plan Groundwater Model, receiving high-level results of prioritization results, receiving updates on draft River Basin Plan Chapters, and discussing field trip details.

b. Approval of June 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting Agenda and the May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting Minutes and Summary

The members unanimously approved the June 25, 2024, Pee Dee RBC meeting agenda. Buddy Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Pee Dee RBC meeting, seconded by Cliff Chamblee.

**2. Public/Agency Comment (JD Solomon)**

The was no public/agency comment.

**3. Status of Groundwater Modeling (Bradley Harken, USGS)**

Bradley Harken provided an update on the groundwater modeling process. He explained that the process was on course for completion by September 2024. He noted that the model is working, and the team is adjusting based on the modifications implemented. Parameter estimation is projected to be completed by July 2024.

Q: Is the inset model running?

A: Not yet.

Q: How long does it take the model to run?

A: So far about 7-12 hours.

C: Groundwater sustainability issues and using the model to identify and mitigate.

**4. Summarize May Meeting Prioritization Results**

J. D. Solomon led the discussion on a summary of the prioritization results. He noted that the results are looking good but would benefit from the input of some members of the RBC who could not participate during the last RBC meeting. He received feedback by mail from Eric Krueger and talked with John Rivers and Jason Gamble to see if they could provide an agricultural perspective. The comprehensive results will be provided to Matt Lindburg for incorporation in drafting the River Basin Plan. The results will be presented by sector and topic and incorporated into the plan, especially in Chapter 7.

## 5. **Chapter Status Discussion (Matt Lindburg, Brown and Caldwell)**

Matt Lindburg discussed the status of writing the River Basin Plan. The team has set up a folder in the cloud to store the chapters that have received preliminary approval. He will send a link to every member of the Pee Dee RBC. He encouraged everyone to confirm they have access and revert to him if they encounter difficulties.

He described the progress made in Chapter 6. He received some comments from the subcommittee reviewing the draft chapter. Some comments include more recommendations concerning social media campaigns in the section on education. There were some comments about incorporating education on low-water-use native species.

Matt credited CDM Smith and John Boyer for helping revise Chapter 6 and providing helpful thoughts, insights, and models for drafting it.

Chapter 4 is in progress working through surface water and groundwater demand projections, as the team is working to conclude it as soon as possible. Chapter 9 will commence as soon as work on Chapter 7 moves to subcommittee review. Finally, Chapter 10 will be the last Chapter the team will work on.

J.D. made three points that were important moving forward.

1. Central location (sharepoint)
2. Continue to get good feedback.
3. 4 and 10 need to get into it and wrap it up

The members were invited to join a subcommittee to review Chapter 7 and Chapter 9. Mike Bankert offered to serve where needed. Debra from Winyah Rivers Alliance informed members of the RBC that she was the alternate to Cara Schildtknecht but has taken the place of Cara, who has left the services of Winyah Rivers Alliance. She informed the members of her willingness to join the Chapter 9 subcommittee. Buddy Richardson and Doug Newton also volunteered to serve on the Chapter 9 subcommittee.

## 6. **Sonoco Field Trip Logistics (JD Solomon)**

J. D. Solomon briefed the members of the PeeDee RBC about the July 2024 field trip to Sonoco and the subsequent meeting of the RBC that will focus on model and chapter

updates to follow. Tom Walker will take care of headcounts for the field trip and lunch. Cliff Chamblee is arranging three 15-seater buses for the facility excursion. Sonoco points of interest include recycled paper mill, dam, wells, closed landfill, open landfill, wastewater treatment system, and solar field.

## 7. Closing Comments and Upcoming Topics (Buddy Richardson/JD Solomon)

J. D. Solomon encouraged all members to continue working on completing the River Basin Plan on schedule. Buddy Richardson appreciated J. D. Solomon for leading the meeting and Tom Walker and the planning team for providing support. He invited all members of the Pee Dee RBC to attend the field trip in July.

The next meeting will be held online and in-person on July 23, 2024, after the field trip. The meeting concluded at 9:43 AM.

Minutes: Chikezie Isiguzo and Tom Walker

Approved: 7/23/24

RBC Chat:

09:29:24 From mike b to Everyone:

you can put me on one if needed

09:30:35 From Thomas Walker to Everyone:

thank you Mike

09:37:54 From LindsayPrivette to Everyone:

And this will be on our usual meeting DAY as well?

09:38:05 From Thomas Walker to Everyone:

correct

09:38:11 From LindsayPrivette to Everyone:

Reacted to "correct" with 👍

09:39:28 From Andrea Hughes, USGS to Everyone:

My humble apologies everyone! I've been sick this morning! I'm here now.

09:40:24 From Thomas Walker to Everyone:

feel better andrea

09:40:58 From Andrea Hughes, USGS to Everyone:

Replying to "feel better andrea"

Thank you!

09:43:20 From Thomas Walker to Everyone:

adjourned