

Location:

June 11, 2025

10:00 AM – 11:00 PM

Meeting No. 20

Virtual

Action Items:

1. John Boyer to reach out to absent members to document final approval of the plan

Decisions:

1. The USRBC adopted 11 process metrics. (September 2023)
2. Upper Savannah RBC Vision Statement: A resilient US River Basin that collaboratively, sustainably, and equitably manages and balances human and ecological needs. (September 2023)
3. US RBC Goals: 1. Within 24 months, develop water use strategies, policies, and legislative recommendations for the Upper Savannah River Basin in order to:
 - a. Ensure water resources are maintained to support current and future human and ecosystem needs.
 - b. Improve the resiliency of the water resources and help minimize disruptions within the basin.
 - c. Promote balance between development, industry, and economic growth in areas with adequate water resources.
 - d. Advocate for responsible land use practices.
 - e. Identify funding sources.
2. Develop and implement an education and communication plan to promote the strategies, policies, and recommendations developed for the Upper Savannah River Basin.
3. Enhance collaboration between all stakeholders and water interest groups, including Georgia and the Lower Savannah-Salkehatchie River Basin. (September 2023)
4. The USRBC elected a Chair (Jill Miller) and Vice Chair (Jeff Phillips). (November 2023)

5. USRBC members provided their rankings during the Test of Consensus and the draft River Basin Plan was approved for public release and comment. (March 2025)

6. USRBC members approved the final Upper Savannah River Basin Plan. (June 2025)

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda
- Public Comment Period
- Review of Public Comments and Suggested Responses
- Discussion of RBC Role and Activities Moving Forward
- Upcoming Meeting Schedule

Meeting Summary (June 11th)

Jill Miller, USRBC Chair, called the June 11th meeting of the Upper Savannah RBC to order at 10:01 AM. The twentieth meeting of the Upper Savannah RBC was held virtually via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. Including the Upper Savannah RBC members and planning team, there were 26 people present at this RBC meeting online. Jill discussed the agenda for the meeting. The Upper Savannah RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and the minutes and summary documents from March. A public comment and agency comment period was held with no comments received. Announcements included discussion of WaterSC meetings and Duke Energy building a natural gas plant in the basin.

John Boyer and Ashley Reid facilitated discussion of the review of public comments and suggested responses with the RBC members. The draft Upper Savannah River Basin Plan received one set of comments from the Lake Hartwell Association. After reviewing the comments and suggested responses, the RBC members agreed that since the draft plan went unchanged, the plan is approved.

Next, Jill Miller led discussion of the RBC's role and activities moving forward since the plan was approved. While there was no clear answer as to when the RBC will meet again to begin implementation activities, RBC activities should continue in 2026 once the State Water Plan has been updated.

The meeting concluded with Jill Miller thanking all RBC members and professional staff involved in the planning process

The meeting concluded at 10:52 AM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 12/3/2025